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THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	32	5-14	10
Golan	36	5-11	9
Salad	36	5-10	15
Halla Pori	65	13-18	8
Tiberias	63	6-19	15
Nazareth	70	10-14	16
Afula	63	5-18	12
Sharon	46	5-15	15
Tel Aviv	55	8-18	12
B-C Airport	51	8-18	15
Jericho	31	6-22	15
Gaza	53	9-19	18
Beersheba	27	4-18	15
Eilat	26	7-22	15

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The traditional January Christian Unity prayer week will commence in Jerusalem with special services at 5 p.m. today at St. George's Anglican Cathedral. Similar prayer services for the reconciliation and unity of the Christian churches will be held throughout the week at the same time. On Monday at St. Saviour's Roman Catholic Church, on Tuesday at the Lutheran Evangelical Redeemer Church, on Friday at the Ethiopian Church, on Saturday at St. Mark's Syrian Church and next Sunday at the Greek Catholic Church. By special permission, a Christian unity prayer service will be held on Thursday at 4 p.m. at Mount Zion's Upper Room, to be followed by a silent prayer in the adjoining Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

ARRIVALS

Sir Leslie Porter, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and Lady Porter.



Aluf Ehud Barak takes over today as OC Central Command, replacing Aluf Amnon Shabak, who will assume another senior IDF post. (Uzi Keren)

PREMIER TO EUROPE

(Continued from page 1)
will visit Churchill's World War II "war room," meet with literary figures such as Tom Stoppard, Harold Pinter and Iris Murdoch, and lunch at Kensington Palace with the Prince and Princess of Wales.
In Germany, Peres will meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and President Richard von Weizsacker.
He will also make a private visit to the site of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and will tour the Berlin Wall and the Reichstag.
In all three countries he will meet with leading businessmen, in efforts to boost Israeli trade.
He is to return to Israel on January 30.

The Young Israel Center
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Today, January 19, at 8.00 p.m.
LECTURER:
Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg,
National Director Emeritus,
Torah U'Masorah, USA
SUBJECT:
Jewish Education:
Failure or Future?

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HOME NEWS

Spain's long march to full ties with Israel

Why did it take Spain a decade of democratic rule to establish ties with Israel? Practical considerations rather than ideology hold the key, Alfred Tovias explains.

Aware of the rejection of his regime by the rest of Western Europe, General Franco tried to overcome his isolation by highlighting the Spaniards' sense of pride. He was fairly successful in implanting among his countrymen the idea that "Spain is different." Curiously enough, the slogan was formulated in English, of which most Spaniards knew little.

With Franco's death in November 1975, and after a relatively smooth transition from dictatorship to democracy, the slogan was reversed by those who saw the future of Spain as intimately linked to the fate of other Western European democracies.

The issue of relations with Israel was part of this equation. Franco's regime had not recognized Israel in retaliation for Israel's opposition to Spain's entry into the UN in 1955, and for Israel's support of outlawed democratic opposition leaders.

Now that Spain is no longer "different" from other Western European states which have relations with Israel, Spain feels compelled to establish them, too. Spanish newspapers frequently mentioned three "anomalies" in Franco's system of foreign relations: there were no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, Mexico or Israel.

The first two cases, stemming from the turbulent history of the Spanish Civil War, were tackled within a couple of years of the dictator's death.

The "Israeli anomaly" was not. It took more than a decade to correct it. Why? The main reason was that the Yom Kippur War and the first energy crisis (1973-1977) occurred as

Spain's transition to democracy took place. Israel's diplomatic standing was then at its lowest, with the Arab world in ascendance. This was a period when the Spaniards and others too thought that "behaving well" would be rewarded by more oil, more contracts, more petrodollars.

Only at the end of the 1970s did they realize that the U.S. and West Germany were not getting any less favorable treatment, for not "behaving" as well as the Arabs might have wanted.

The second energy crisis of the late 1970s and early 1980s had a tremendous impact on Spain's negotiations for entry into the European Community, which had started in February 1979.

One and a half years earlier, then-prime minister Suarez had been optimistic enough to announce that by 1981 Spain would be a member of the EC. This was not to be. The economic crisis, with its accompanying unemployment, led the EC members, and particularly the French to drag their feet.

Spanish politicians (including Suarez himself) were fully aware that EC membership implied diplomatic relations with Israel. They even tried to use the latter as a trump card in the negotiations, in spite of the EC's insistence that this was not germane to the talks.

The Community would not move up Spain's entry by a single day because of the Israeli factor. This was interpreted by the Spaniards as leaving them with the option of not dealing with it until the day they were to become EC members.

In a sense, this suited them quite well. Spanish public opinion was against the Israeli operation in Lebanon in 1982. The instinctive aversion of the Socialist government elected in October 1982 to Likud policies only strengthened this trend.

Opinion polls at the time (1982-1984) showed that most Spaniards opposed U.S. bases there and their country's membership in Nato - at a time when Israel aspired to consolidate its "strategic cooperation" with the U.S.

Very soon after coming to power, Socialist leaders, Felipe Gonzalez included, realized that not only the U.S., but practically all EC members wanted Spain to stay in Nato. His task was then to change public opinion both on Nato and on relations with Israel. In September 1984, the Socialists were given a golden opportunity when Shimon Peres became prime minister.

They realized that, from their perspective, "waiting" could be risky: the rotation agreement provided for a change of government in October 1986. This became the time-limit. This date would have been decisive had Spain been due to join the EC in January 1987, something that was a clear possibility up to last summer.

This combination of factors since mid-1984 has prodded the Socialist government to seriously prepare itself for diplomatic relations with Israel. It was helped along by the Spanish Jewish community and by Israeli officials in Madrid, in particular the unofficial ambassador, Shmuel Hadas. To be sure, the slow but important fall in the price of

crude oil also played a role. Access to energy sources has not been a problem. In addition, some Spanish businessmen have burned their fingers in North African markets, after not being paid.

There is, however, something else. Spaniards have come to believe that trade is a two-way matter. A boycott of Spanish goods by Arab countries would also hurt the latter. Furthermore, in recent months, they have realized that Spain and not only Israel would gain from diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Spain shares many political and economic problems with Israel. In the first category are terrorism and the preservation of democracy and freedom. In the second category come scarcity of water for irrigation, sensitivity to problems of coastal pollution and the seasonableness of agriculture and tourism.

They know that Israel has devised some original solutions to these problems and that they may benefit from importing them. All of them, however, require the establishment of diplomatic relations.

To sum up, this is a case where the slow increase in the weight of factors favoring full diplomatic ties with Israel (entry into the EC, a Peres-led government, Israel's high profile in some new technologies and in the fight against terrorism), has been reinforced by the decline in the weight of the negative factors (the price of oil and the relative attractiveness of Arab markets) - all leading to Friday's happy outcome.

Alfred Tovias is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University.



Prime Minister Peres chats with former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger at Peres's home in Jerusalem yesterday. (GPO)

El Al threatens to suspend Manchester flights after row

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
El Al is threatening to suspend services to Manchester Airport in northern England because of controversy over security there following last month's Arab terror attacks at Rome and Vienna airports, a company spokesman in Israel said last night.

Nineteen people were killed in the attacks at El Al check-in desks, and airports around the world have been reviewing security as a result. Police with sub-machineguns now patrol London's Heathrow Airport.

An El Al spokesman in London said that the airline had objected to plans to move its passenger check-in desks at Manchester to an isolated area away from the main concourse.

"It is isolating us in a way from other international flights as a direct

result of terrorist activity. This we cannot accept," the spokesman said. Staff of five European airlines at Manchester have walked off the job twice in eight days since Christmas, claiming that security was inadequate at the El Al desk.

The El Al spokesman said that during talks with the Manchester Airport authorities, the airline had been led to believe that its check-in desks could be transferred to an area of the main concourse, which would have been acceptable. But the airline had eventually been offered only an isolated area, he said.

The next scheduled flight from Tel Aviv is tomorrow, but no decision has yet been made to suspend it, the El Al spokesman in Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. A suspension would not affect flights to Heathrow.

El Al's London spokesman, Lee Silverman said, however, that no changes were being contemplated. "Our passengers are happy," he remarked. He added that the Cabernet Sauvignon which was criticized had won international awards. The airline had tested similar wines from different suppliers before agreeing to provide the Cabernet brand for their business and other passengers.

El Al wines 'dirty and hopeless'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - Wines served by El Al to its business-class passengers have been strongly criticized by a panel of wine experts, whose survey is due to appear in the March edition of *Business Traveller*.

One of the wines, Carmel's Cabernet Sauvignon Blanc was described as "terrible, dirty and hopeless" and was placed 16th in their survey of 19 types. The red Carmel Cabernet Sauvignon did slightly better, being ranked eighth.

Head of the panel, Oz Clarke, the author of several books on wine, was particularly scathing about the quality of El Al's wines.

He pointed out that better kosher wines were available from France and Italy. Israeli wines lacked quality, control, fruit and what he called "cleanliness."

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Nurses still set to strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
No progress was made in tense meetings on Friday by Health Ministry and Histadrut officials and representatives of the Nurses' Union, as they sought to head off the scheduled strike of the country's 20,000

nurses, due to begin on Tuesday. Health Minister Mordchai Gur told the cabinet today on the threatened strike.

All sides felt that, as in all previous health-care crises, talks would continue until the very last minute.

Dutch painful memories

AMSTERDAM (Reuter). - A Dutch welfare group has abandoned plans to survey the country's Jewish population following protests that similar pre-war studies had sent thousands to Nazi concentration camps.

The Jewish Social Services Institute said it was bowing to strong feelings among the 30,000 Dutch Jews, but it stressed that the study had been proposed merely to help in planning welfare facilities.

About 17,000 Dutch Jews died in concentration camps and official registration of Jews here before World War II is blamed for making the mass deportations possible.

Dulzin bars Kach from capital convention hall

The Jewish Agency will not rent its facilities to "elements who preach doctrines that are contrary to our principles," Agency-World Zionist Organization Executive chairman Arye Dulzin told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

Dulzin was explaining his order to the agency to cancel its agreement to rent Binyanei Ha'uma to Knesset Member Meir Kahane's Kach movement for a convention.

The convention centre, Dulzin said, "belongs to the Zionist movement, and we don't feel any obligation to rent it to someone who is racist, anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish."

Women likely to be next victims of unemployment

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - Women will be the next major victims of unemployment, though their jobless rate is already 50 per cent higher than men's, chief government statistician Moshe Sikron has predicted.

Sikron's forecast is based on the

moves to reduce staff being made by the public services and the banks. These institutions, he points out, are the principal employers of women as nurses, teachers and clerical staff.

Sikron, delivering the annual Yohanan Comay Memorial Lecture in the Technion's Industrial Engineering Faculty last Thursday said that 115,000 persons are out of work,

i.e. 7.5 per cent of the work force. Arabs have been harder hit than Jewish workers because many had worked in the building industry, which had particularly suffered from the recession.

On the other hand, he said, unemployment in the administered territories is less than half that inside the Green Line, because when men

there lost their jobs they simply went to work on their families' farms. Analysis shows that the least affected by unemployment are the least educated and the most educated. This is probably because the least educated are willing to take on the lowliest jobs, while the highly educated can be very flexible, Sikron said.

Mubarak asks Tamir, Kimche for talks in Cairo next week

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter and Agencies
TEL AVIV. - The directors-general of the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry are expected to go to Cairo some time next week to begin detailed preparations for the Taba arbitration process, sources in the Prime Minister's Office said at the weekend.

The directors-general were invited to Cairo by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in a verbal message delivered to Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Friday. The message was conveyed by Egyptian charge d'affaires Mohamed Bassiouny, who returned to Israel on Thursday after visiting Cairo to submit the details of the inner cabinet's decision on Taba.

The departure of the directors-general is being delayed until next week because one of them, Avraham Tamir of the Prime Minister's Office, is accompanying Peres on his tour of Europe, beginning today.

Details of Mubarak's message were not made public, though the sources said that the Prime Minister's Office was "fully satisfied" with its contents. It is believed, however,

that the president made no reference to Israel's request for a report on the Ras Burka massacre.

Mubarak said that he hoped to meet with Peres, though no date was mentioned. It is unlikely that the two leaders will meet until all the details of the arbitration have been agreed upon and the process begun.

In Cairo, a government-owned newspaper said yesterday that Israel's agreement to let arbiters settle the Taba dispute with Egypt would thaw bilateral relations but create new difficulties.

An article by Salah Montasser, editor of the weekly *October*, marked the first public criticism in Egypt of the Taba formula announced by Israel last week.

Montasser objected to Israel's proposal that once the Taba dispute is settled by arbitration, the two sides discuss arrangements for "free access" to the area by the losing party.

"I think that Egypt will never accept this," he said. "Once Taba reverts to Egypt, access to or exit from it must be governed by the same rules applying to other border points."

Additional arrests likely soon in licence bureau scandal

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post
Evidence gathered from the 10 suspects arrested last week in the Jerusalem Licence Bureau scandal has incriminated at least eight other driving instructors, licence applicants and an official in the Transport Ministry, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned. Additional arrests are expected in the next few days.

The 10, suspected of giving and receiving bribes and of falsifying licence-registry documents, are being held in the Russian Compound lockup following their remand for 15 days on Friday. The two examiners, seven driving instructors and a guard at the bureau are cooperating with investigators, a police source told *The Post*.

"Several of the suspects are small fry, and may not be charged if they cooperate fully and lead us to the real criminals," an officer connected with the investigation said. According to the officer, many of the arrested instructors gave small bribes such as bottles of whiskey and invitations to drink in local restaurants. Others, however, are suspected of bribing examiners with weekend hotel stays and cash up to NIS 100 in exchange for passing their pupils.

Over 2,000 mourners, including many police colleagues, attended

the funeral of Jerusalem Traffic Bureau chief Henri Almashli on Friday in Beit Shemesh. Almashli's family insisted that he be buried in the Beit Shemesh cemetery, alongside family members, instead of in the customary police plot on Mt. Herzl.

Senior officers, including Assistant Commander Haim Albaldes, played down reports that Almashli had been involved in the licence scandal. Almashli on Thursday requested an interview with Albaldes to discuss the scandal hours before his suicide.

He told Albaldes that he had made inquiries about the licence of one of his cousins. Almashli did not tell Albaldes whether he had actually offered any bribes, "but it was apparent from his obvious stress that he might have broken the law," an assistant to Albaldes told *The Post*.

"We never suspected that he could be so sensitive," a colleague and friend in the Prison Services said last night. "Police will most likely prove that he was innocent, but the poor guy simply couldn't handle the pressure."

MONROVIA. - Dr. J. Bernard Blamo has been appointed Liberia's foreign minister. He replaces Ernest Eastman.

Ethiopians may still get more ulpan

By MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Negative reaction from ulpan directors and teachers has led the Absorption Ministry to reconsider its intention to stop intensive Hebrew studies for Ethiopian Jews who arrived in Operation Moses. The ministry has asked the educators to submit proposals for extending the study period for those who have not yet mastered the language after a year of study.

The educators asked the ministry to give some Ethiopian olim another half year of concentrated language study instead of requiring them to start tending for themselves now, according to the original absorption schedule.

Ministry spokesman Gad Ben-Ari told *The Jerusalem Post* that the

normal sponsored stay at an ulpan is half a year. This has already been doubled for the Ethiopian olim. To extend this "hothouse atmosphere away from the realities of everyday life could lead to an unhealthy situation which the olim themselves don't want," Ben-Ari said.

So the ministry has asked those concerned to bring it plans for continuing Hebrew study in the areas to which the Ethiopian olim have been moving for permanent residence, with classes to be organized according to the needs and convenience of the olim.

"We are not 'abandoning' the Ethiopians, as some people charge. We are continuing to help them in every way possible to move at a reasonable pace into the mainstream of Israeli society," Ben-Ari said.

With great sorrow we announce the death, on Shabbat, after the long and bravely borne illness of our darling wife, mother, and grandmother

RUBY HILDA SHAMASH

For funeral details, please phone: Tel. 02-223539, 664278 or 226398.

Eddie Shamash
Marcia and David Kretzmer,
Raymond and Batya Shamash,
Josie and Stu Smith
and grandchildren: Yoel, Hava, Yonatan,
Hamoutal, Elisheva, Yael, and Gavriel

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our dear mother and grandmother

ESTHER BEIZER

The funeral will take place at the Shikun Vatikim cemetery in Netanya, tomorrow, Monday, January 20, 1986, at 2.00 p.m.

The Family

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved father and grandfather

MAX MURAVITZ

formerly of Durban, South Africa

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, January 19, 1986, at 2 p.m. at the Holon Cemetery.

Deeply mourned by
Son, Mervin (Rocky)
Daughter, Sandra
Daughter-in-law, Vera
and grandchildren

On the thirtieth day since the passing of

MARK KLAPPER

a memorial service will be held on
Tuesday, January 21, 1986 - 11 Shvat 5746, at 7.30 p.m.
at the Sharon Hotel, Herzliya-Mof-Yam.

The tombstone unveiling will take place on
Thursday, January 23, 1986 - 13 Shvat at 3 p.m.
at the Neve Hadar cemetery, Hod Hasharon.

The Family

We regret to announce the passing of

BESSIE WILLIAMS

The funeral will take place at 1.00 p.m.
today, Sunday, January 19, 1986, at Holon cemetery.

The Family

With great sorrow we announce the passing of

HANSI KATZENSTEIN

(née Bodenheimer)
of New York - Frankfurt

The coffin will arrive on El Al Flight 008 at 3.55 p.m.
The cortege will leave the funeral parlour on Rehov Shamgar, Jerusalem for Har Hazeitum today, Sunday, January 19, 1986 (Shvat 9, 5746) at 6.00 p.m.

Shiva - 8 Rehov Bergman, Bayit Vegan, Tel. 02-423347.
The deceased's sister, Steffi Cohn, will sit shiva at her home, 25 Rehov Alfasi, Jerusalem.

The family

The Board of Directors
of Sha'are Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem,
and its American Committee
mourn the passing of a devoted friend

HANSI KATZENSTEIN

President of the Ladies Auxilliary for over 20 years
and a founder of the Medical Center.

המקום ינחם את המשפחה בתוך שאר אבל ציון וירושלים

dear father of Bernice Wix and Joseph Gale,
passed away on Shabbat, Shvat 8, 5746, January 18, 1986,
deeply mourned by the family.

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, January 19 at 3 p.m.
at Morasha Cemetery, Ramat Hasharon.
Shiva at the home of Bernice Wix, 23 Rehov Haportzim, Jerusalem.

EVOLUTION OF THE TABA PACKAGE DEAL, II

Setbacks, delays as officials argue details

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Last May's talks between Israel and Egypt on a "package deal" between the two countries to cover a solution to the Taba border dispute and normalization of relations got nowhere because Egypt insisted that Taba be solved by international arbitration and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir demanded that non-binding conciliation be tried first.

During the summer, Prime Minister Shimon Peres proved unable to budge his Likud colleagues in the cabinet from insistence on conciliation. But both Labour and Likud agreed that the talks with Egypt should continue. The director general of the Prime Minister's Office, Avraham Tamir, and Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche were instructed on 22 September "to continue preparing the Israeli-Egyptian border disputes for a political decision." The officials, in effect, were told to sound out the Egyptians about what Israel would get if it agreed to arbitration.

The October 1 bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunisia caused a delay and the talks were only renewed in November. In Cairo, a second round of talks followed in December in Herdlyia. Tamir and Kimche came away from both with different impressions.

The Egyptians proposed that Israel "return the Taba area to them." In exchange, they offered Israel "significant arrangements with regard to access to the area, and ownership of the hotel and the other tourist facilities." The directors general rejected the proposal.

Israel proposed a "transitional period" during which there would be "joint arrangements" in the area. After the set period, the subject would be discussed again. The Egyptians rejected the proposal.

The Israeli officials concluded that a negotiated settlement was impossible. The Israelis then explained why conciliation was preferable to arbitration. The Egyptians remained uncon-

vinced, and Tamir and Kimche concluded that "there is no chance of an agreement between Israel and Egypt on solving the border dispute through conciliation."

The two sides then discussed arbitration, focussing on the *compromis* (the agreed document setting out the terms of reference for the arbitration). The aim of the negotiations, it was agreed between the sides, was not to reach an agreement, but rather, to discover the points of agreement and disagreement regarding the *compromis*.

Following the two rounds of talks, Tamir, and possibly also Kimche, concluded that "a foundation had been created for arbitration that would both give us a chance to win and [would] also provide safety valves for the event that we not win [the arbitration], in part or in full."

This judgement was based on the fact that an "understanding" had been reached with the Egyptians on several elements of the *compromis* (the duration, venue and language of the arbitration proceedings and the composition of the arbitration panel) and on "the need for an agreement on the arrangements" which should be in force in Taba after the arbitration. There was also an "understanding" between the parties that the "principles" of the agreement would be the 1979 peace treaty (with respect to the security arrangements in Taba); the existing arrangements for entry and staying would "constitute a basis for determining" the future arrangements; and the rights generally granted by each country to foreign companies would "constitute the basis for determining the arrangements" for the future concerning the hotel and other facilities in Taba.

The parties also agreed that "during the process of arbitration the arbitrators could submit to the parties proposals for a solution (in effect, conciliation)."

As in May, the Egyptians assured Tamir and Kimche that after it was agreed that the Taba

issue would be resolved through arbitration, a start would be made in implementing the hitherto inoperative normalization agreements, the Egyptian ambassador would be sent back to Tel Aviv and "a high-level political dialogue" (meaning summit) would commence.

As in May, the Israeli negotiators proposed that the two countries begin to act on a series of issues without regard to progress on the package deal. The Israelis said that several agreements reached in May had not been implemented "and this certainly did not contribute to progress" on the package deal. The Israelis demanded that dates and a *modus operandi* be set.

The two sides agreed (in December) that the problems falling within the scope of the joint military committee - including the search for Israelis missing in action in 1973, the search for the lost submarine Dakar off Alexandria, the resolution of the problem of the refugees in Camp Canada in Rafah, the construction of memorials for Egypt's war dead, the return of stolen cars, the return of debts, and "the installation of a direct telephone line between the Israeli and Egyptian defence ministers" - should be solved starting January 1.

It was agreed that a Foreign Ministry official go to Egypt to discuss the technical aspects of solving some of these problems. (Zvi Kedari, deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry, is accordingly due in Egypt soon.)

The directors general reported that in November they had brought up the Ras Burka killings and their aftermath with the Egyptian officials and with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ismat Abdel Neguid. The Israelis came away from these talks feeling that Egypt was determined to deal with what had happened and with "all" its repercussions - in terms of the law, "reparations" for the victims' families and "the arrangements that will [in future] prevail in the area (including medical facilities)." The Egyptians, according to the directors general, "promised...that the report of the investigating committee [on Ras Burka] would be published immediately after the court released it for publication; that it would be possible to start negotiations on reparations after publication of the sentence; and that all measures would be taken in the future to assure the evacuation and speedy treatment of any casualties."

Cutting through the web of detail, the Israeli officials concluded that there was no chance of a negotiated settlement. They concluded that there was no chance that Egypt would agree to conciliation; that Egypt was determined to submit the border dispute to arbitration; and that "if the border dispute did not move towards a process of solution, [then] it was likely that a freeze would prevail in the relations" and that Israel would not succeed in concluding a package deal with Egypt.

It was agreed between the two sides that if Taba were submitted to arbitration, the Egyptians would "immediately begin implementing the normalization" agreements, return the ambassador and renew the "high-level dialogue."

The Israeli officials (or at least Tamir) felt that in the November-December talks Israel had achieved an understanding with Egypt that the *compromis* would allow the arbitrators "to consider all the testimony and arguments of each side" and allow the arbitrators to try conciliation during the arbitration process.

But Tamir and Kimche differed on what exactly had been agreed upon with Egypt. The cabinet, pressed by Shamir to add clarity and finality to the "understandings" and "agreements" with Egypt, decided to obtain a series of clarifications from Cairo, and left open the question of whether or not Israel would agree to arbitration.

(Part II of a series.)



Uzi Sharabaf (left), sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the murder of Arab students at the Islamic College in Hebron, celebrates the *brit mila* (circumcision) of his son Zvi on Friday at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Sharabaf spent several hours in Hebron before being taken back to the Tel Mond prison from his special leave. Sharabaf's father-in-law, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, is seen at rear.

(Dan Landau)

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Health fund urged to pay for test-tube fertilization

TEL AVIV. - Na'amat director Masha Lubelsky appealed to the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Cholim health fund on Friday to reverse its decision to stop funding test-tube fertilization for women who already have one child. The fund's decision came earlier last week because of the high cost of pargonal, a substance used in test-tube fertilization. Lubelsky argues that the fund should not limit women unable to conceive to one child simply because they cannot afford the \$500 required for test-tube fertilization.

Begun's wife in fast

TEL AVIV. - Ina Begun, 49, wife of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun, is to hold a protest fast in Moscow today to highlight the severe conditions of her husband's imprisonment. The Public Council for Soviet Jewry said here on Friday.

Begun, a Hebrew teacher, involved in the struggle to win recognition for Hebrew studies in the Soviet Union, was arrested in November 1982. Convicted of disseminating anti-Soviet propaganda and sedition, he received the maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment and five years exile.

Israeli consul breaks rule, is promoted

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has been invited to the Knesset State Control Committee to explain the promotion to ambassador of an Israeli consul who made money out of buying and selling a tax-free car in South America.

Foreign service regulations view such deals as disciplinary offences. The consul-turned-ambassador agreed to provide the Civil Service Commission with all relevant bank statements and consented to a lie detector test. But no action was taken. State Control Committee chairman David Liba'i said.

A disciplinary court convicted two other diplomats of a similar offence, the committee was told. One had to resign from the Foreign Ministry and the second paid a fine of \$1,000 plus one month's salary.

Wizo convention

TEL AVIV. - The doubling of Wizo services within the next decade is to be the main item on the agenda at the organization's 19th convention opening tomorrow at the Hilton Hotel here, including sessions in Jerusalem and visits to Wizo facilities.

The TV-news threat from Jordan

By PHILIP GILLON

One of the by-products of the recent TV technicians' strike was that many Israelis, so avid for televised news that they cannot live without it, were exposed to Jordan's Hebrew or English news for several nights.

Many people, of course, watch one or both of the Jordanian newscasts for foreigners every night. Their 7.30 p.m. Hebrew news fills a gap in the night's viewing for anyone who does not understand Israel's Arabic news, the only available alternative, apart from video films, while the 10 p.m. English news is almost required viewing for diplomats, foreign correspondents, tourists and English-speaking new immigrants, for whom Israel TV news makes no provision.

The government seems to attach no importance to so many Israelis and visitors relying on an enemy station: but some people may consider exposure to a hostile point of view on television undesirable and even dangerous.

On the whole, the Jordanians go in for the soft sell. Sometimes, when Israel has really got into trouble, as during the recent right-wing politicians' forays onto the Temple Mount, Jordan TV's women announcers cannot resist indulging in self-satisfied smirks as they describe world reaction. But they generally try to be as deadpan as possible.

Last Friday night's news in English, for instance, was led by an announcement that the Israeli forces of occupation had confronted worshippers at the al-Aksa mosque, as a result of a gesture of provocation by the Israelis. The announcer went on to say that the forces of occupation had arrested a number of Palestinians. Apart from the use of expressions such as "provocative gesture," "army of occupation" and "Palestinians," this might have been Israel's own news service.

The next item was a report of statements by a commission of representatives of 24 African and Asian states sitting in Damascus. These deplored the occupation of Arab lands by Israel since 1967 and called for a peace conference involving everybody concerned with the Palestine problem, including the permanent members of the Security Council and the PLO.

After that came a straight announcement that Spain had re-



Jordan TV in an Israeli living room.

(Rahamin Khariti)

sumed diplomatic relations with Israel, followed by a report that the Spanish foreign minister had told a press conference that Spain's friendship for the Arabs and support for Palestinian rights were in no way affected by the recognition. The only other reference to Israel came from a story in *Ma'ariv* that brigadiers and colonels were being forced to leave the Israeli army because of budget cuts. The rest of the news roamed far and wide around the world. It was noteworthy for its clear support of Iraq against Iran, and of the blacks of South Africa against the government of that country. Generally Jordan seems to back underdogs around the globe. The service ended with the tennis from New York. The Hebrew news at 7.30 p.m. was very similar.

Right-wingers no doubt object to some of the expressions used by the announcers, but most sensible people must realize that these are inevitable. Thus the West Bank is "the occupied Arab lands" and not "Judea and Samaria," as on Israel Television. The Israel Defence Forces are "the army of occupation." Jerusalem is El Kudis or "occupied Jerusalem" - it is not "liberated."

On the whole, however, under normal conditions, nothing very dangerous comes across. The bias is tolerable. Indeed, when Israel's own station carries an account of the same news story, the Jordanian account is readily shrugged off in the viewer's mind, as far removed from "reality" or "the true story."

Exceptions occur when Israel, for some reason, is concealing news. Thus, after the first action on the Temple Mount, the technicians' leader, Hazi Koka, struck the item off the Israeli news agenda and distressed Israelis felt the impact of the event from Jordan at 10 p.m. Few Israelis will forget their horror at the sight of Israeli POWs in Egyptian hands during the Yom Kippur War even as the IDF spokesman lied about our reverses.

Jordan scored heavily every time the IDF spokesman failed to disclose what was happening in Lebanon - in Tyre, Sidon, Beirut, Sabra and Shatila. In every case, Israel, perhaps for excellent operational reasons, had kept foreign newsmen from finding out what was happening, and from getting television shots for a hungry world. As a result, they had to rely on material from the other side, with unfortunate results for the country's image, both abroad and at home, for Israelis, too, were forced to base their views on what Jordan showed. And ever since, some Israelis have been screaming that there was anti-Semitic bias in the presentation of what happened in Lebanon.

If Israel wants to offset the effect of Jordan's news, its own news service must be true, open and on the ball. To behave like the ostrich is a prescription for disaster. Equally, an English news service seems imperative, unless no one cares what foreign diplomats, correspondents and influential visitors think.

VIEWPOINTS

Martin Luther King and the capital's deputy mayor

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel, with Foreign Ministry encouragement and with VIP guests flown in from the U.S., is making a week-long celebration of America's Martin Luther King Day, starting tomorrow. There will be speeches, street dedications and symposia. But despite the Jewish tradition of starting holidays on the evening before, it's unlikely that the Foreign Ministry will include on its official schedule the demonstration tonight at the Jerusalem City Council meeting.

The Committee Against Racism will be demanding that Mayor Teddy Kollek fire Deputy Mayor Nissim Ze'ev of Shas.

Ze'ev recently suggested raising the Old City to force out Arabs; said that they should be barred from Neve Ya'acov because the neighbourhood was infested with "Arab pimps seducing Jewish women into prostitution...bringing crime to the neighbourhood."

Since those comments, an arsonist has attacked two apartments in Neve Ya'acov. One is owned by Israeli Arabs. The other is owned by a Jewish family friendly with an Arab couple in the suburb.

But Kollek has not fired Ze'ev. Nor has Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, Ze'ev's political boss, publicly criticized the deputy mayor.

Dov Shilansky, who recently led the Knesset Interior Committee in two visits to the Temple Mount, has remained silent on the Ze'ev issue. As a Knesset committee chairman, Shilansky is to be one of the official hosts of the Martin Luther King Week celebrations.

A majority of Kollek's One Jerusalem faction favours sacking Ze'ev. But Kollek does not want the coalition headache. For that matter, neither does Prime Minister Peres, who worries about Shas's participation in the coalition.

It is highly unlikely that Kollek will find support for sacking Ze'ev from the Likud, which is led by the same foreign minister who has thrown the weight of his office behind the week-long celebrations. For electoral reasons, the Likud does not want to pick a quarrel with Shas over such a matter.

Shamir, when he was Speaker of the Knesset, did not quarrel with

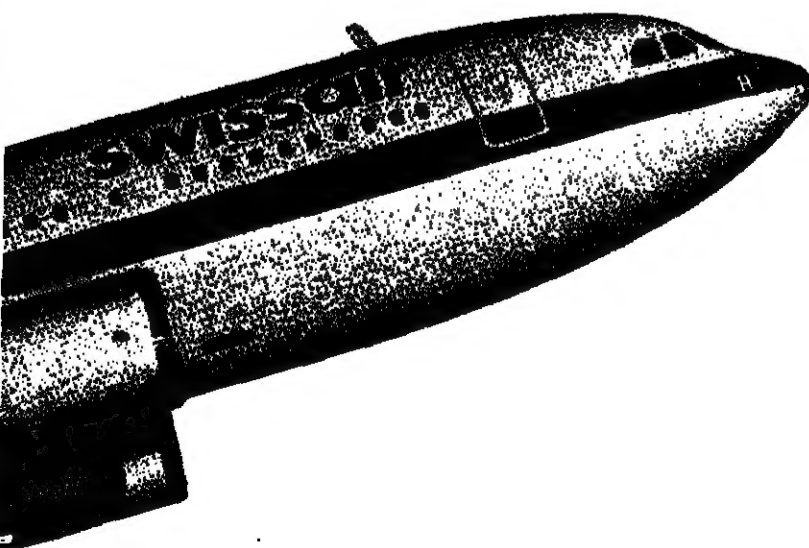
then chief of general staff Rafael Eitan when the soldier referred to Arabs as "drugged cockroaches."

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel has been effective in isolating Meir Kahane of Kach. But the Knesset presidium did not accept MK Mohammad Wadat's urgent motion for the agenda about Ze'ev's remarks. That means that Wadat will not be able to raise the issue from the Knesset podium during Martin Luther King Week.

It is the religious parties that have so far blocked any anti-racism bill. Let alone a civil-rights bill. But ironically, should Kollek decide to sack Ze'ev, he could get some help with the problem from the other religious city councillors. That is only because they cover Ze'ev's position.

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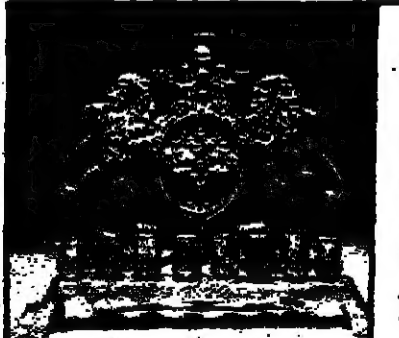
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Japan, USSR sign financial, cultural pacts

Progress made on islands dispute

TOKYO (AP). — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and his Japanese counterpart Shintaro Abe signed financial and cultural agreements yesterday as the two governments exchanged invitations for their leaders to visit each other's countries.

Shevardnadze, the first Soviet foreign minister to visit Japan in a decade, arrived in Tokyo on Wednesday and has held four meetings over nearly 11 hours of talks with Abe. Much attention has focused on how the two sides will deal with what Japan calls the northern territories, a chain of small but strategic islands off northern Japan, which both nations claim.

Dispute over the islands, where the Soviets have stationed 10,000 troops and 40 advanced jet fighters, has prevented the two countries from signing a formal peace treaty after World War II.

News reports said the two sides have agreed on the wording of references to the sensitive issue of the islands and will issue a joint communique today. But Foreign Ministry officials would not confirm such reports.

During a 90-minute meeting between Shevardnadze and Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, a ministry official quoted the Soviet

minister as saying it would be "possible to agree on an overall communique in a spirit of constructive and mutual respect." The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, briefed reporters following the meeting.

Nakasone told Shevardnadze he agrees "with the idea of continuing negotiations...and he is glad it has become possible to issue a communique," the official said.

In 1973, the two nations agreed to resolve "various problems that have been left unresolved since World War II" — a vague reference to the islands — and negotiate a peace treaty.

At a reception in the Soviet Embassy yesterday evening, Abe expressed hopes for continued talks between the foreign ministers.

While stating it would be difficult to solve at once "issues left unresolved since World War II," Abe said he welcomed "the agreement to resume foreign ministerial talks." Biennial talks have been stalled since Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda met Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Moscow in 1978.

The trade and payment agreement for 1986-90, signed by the two diplomats, provides for currency, transportation of commodities, annual

trade consultations and methods of solving trade conflict between the two nations, according to a Foreign Ministry statement.

The new agreement signed yesterday includes provisions for economic cooperation consultations, including the development of Siberia. The Soviets have been eager to boost trade with Japan, which fell from \$5.5 billion in 1982 to \$3.9b. in 1984.

A tax agreement, also signed yesterday, aims to adjust rights to impose taxes on profits from business and to avoid double taxation as much as possible.

A cultural agreement which was to have ended on January 26 was extended until 1988.

During their meeting the Soviet minister delivered a letter from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to Nakasone, inviting him to Moscow, the official said. Nakasone reciprocated the invitation, pointing out that there had been four visits by Japanese leaders to the Soviet Union while a visit by a Soviet leader here has yet to be realized, the official said.

Shevardnadze is scheduled today to meet the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the only two cities to experience atomic bomb attacks. He departs later in the day for North Korea.



Enthusiastic supporters lift Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos to the speakers' platform at an election rally in Dagupan City on the weekend. The plaster on his hand did not result from his airplane mishap; the president has had bandages on his hands for the past six months, but no explanation for this has been given. (Reuters telephoto)

Marcos just misses collision

CALAPAN, Philippines (AP). — A light plane carrying President Ferdinand Marcos to an election campaign nearly collided with a Philippine Air Force plane yesterday when the two aircraft landed at the same airstrip.

Approaching the narrow airstrip from opposite directions, the planes came within less than 900 metres of each other before the pilot of the small air force Cessna noticed the other plane and swerved right, narrowly missing some coconut trees.

The incident occurred in full view of reporters, military and other officials who arrived ahead of Marcos in Calapan, capital of oriental Mindoro

province, 136 kilometres south of Manila.

An air force officer, Col. Romeo Ochoco, on seeing that the Cessna and Marcos's twin-propeller Super King Air were on a collision course, ran to the middle of the grass-covered airstrip, wildly waving his cap at the air force plane to signal it to move away.

The Philippine news agency reported unidentified officials as saying Marcos was not aware of the near-miss.

Marcos motored immediately into the town and addressed a crowd of 4,000 people who had gathered on a school campus for a rally.

PEN congress ends in uproar over issues of PLO and sexism

NEW YORK (AP). — The 48th international PEN congress, which began in an uproar seven days ago, ended Friday with controversy over the PLO and feminism.

The conference of more than 700 poets, playwrights, editors, essayists and novelists had gathered to discuss the theme "The Writer's Imagination and the Imagination of the State."

Norman Mailer, president of the American Pen Centre, said the panel discussions did not go well, and the theme apparently did not capture the imagination of the congress.

Despite Mailer's best efforts, participants remained entangled in a continuing controversy over a lack of women on panels.

Mailer read a list of 24 women writers, including Simone de Beauvoir, Mary McCarthy, and Barbara Tuchman, who had turned down invitations. He was booed when he said he refused to accept mediocre women for the panels.

"The issue is one of invisibility," said novelist Erica Jong. "Why do you look at us and do not see?"

"Erica Jong is the last woman in the world who can plead invisibility," Mailer retorted.

Friday's furor began with a panel featuring writers Kurt Vonnegut, Frances Fitzgerald and Mario Vargas Llosa, former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky, former Canadian premier Pierre Trudeau and former U.S. senator George McGovern.

In the course of a speech on terrorism and the world issues, Kreisky compared the bombing attack by the Jewish underground on the King David Hotel in Jerusalem with the actions of the PLO.

Cynthia Ozick, a Jewish-American writer, challenged that comparison. She said Kreisky had "besmirched human values" by his willingness to talk with the PLO's Yasser Arafat and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

India, Pakistan resume peace pact talks

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Senior Indian and Pakistani officials resumed talks here yesterday on the wording of a proposed peace treaty as part of a series of meetings aimed at easing tensions between the two traditionally rival neighbours.

No details were immediately available on the first round of the talks between Foreign Secretaries Romesh Bhandari of India and Niaz Naik of Pakistan.

A second session is due to be held today.

U.S. not ready for 'Star Wars,' says gov't panel

WASHINGTON (AP). — A government panel says President Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defence plan may fail because not enough attention has been paid to the complicated computer programming needed to make it work, it was reported yesterday.

The panel recommended that the Pentagon reverse its usual pattern of weapons development and work on the command, control and communications end of the defence system before buying the hardware, according to *The New York Times*.

The panel also criticized the Pentagon and defence contractors, accusing them of being "a culture that resists change and only takes naive risks," *The Washington Post* said.

The group, commissioned by the Defence Department, was chaired by Prof. Danny Cohen of the University of Southern California and consisted of government, industry and university computer experts.

Meanwhile, former CIA director William Colby and a coalition of private arms-control groups

on Friday praised the new disarmament plan offered by Mikhail Gorbachev last Thursday and urged Reagan to join the Soviet leader's extended freeze on nuclear weapons tests.

Colby said the only price Gorbachev had attached to his plan to rid the world of nuclear arms by the 21st century was that Reagan abandon his "dream" of a "Star Wars" defence against a Soviet nuclear assault.

"We should take this and be grateful for it," Colby said at a news conference in which support for Gorbachev's plan was registered also by representatives of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union.

In Moscow yesterday, senior officials said the Kremlin would withdraw its medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe if Washington does the same, and that British and French nuclear forces could be dealt with later.

The officials, discussing Gorbachev's new arms control proposals at a packed news conference,

insisted that an agreement hinged on U.S. renunciation of its "Star Wars" programme.

Gorbachev's proposal for the first time did not link elimination of U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe to the scrapping of British and French nuclear forces at the same time.

China yesterday noted the "new contents" of Gorbachev's latest nuclear disarmament proposal but said it required further study.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry also said Asian security depends on the superpowers ending their rivalry for domination and reducing their nuclear arsenals.

Greece has welcomed the Soviet call as a "positive proposal," an official statement said.

Italy's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Friday that Gorbachev's proposal "seems to contain interesting new elements with respect to ideas and starting points formulated in the past by the Soviets." The communication noted in particular the suggested reduction of intermediate-range missiles.



Westland helicopter company employees demonstrate outside the shareholders meeting in London on Friday. The protester in the centre is wearing a Michael Heseltine mask. (Reuters telephoto)

Moral victory for Heseltine as shareholders reject U.S. bid

LONDON (AP). — A bid by the U.S. helicopter firm Sikorsky and its Italian partner Fiat to rescue the ailing Westland helicopter company has been rejected by Westland shareholders.

The rescue bid has been the focus of a political storm in Prime Minister Thatcher's government. Michael Heseltine resigned as Defence Secretary on January 9 over the issue.

The Sikorsky-Fiat deal needed the support of 75 per cent of Westland's shareholders to be accepted, but only 65 per cent voted in favour of the package at a shareholders' meeting Friday in London.

The vote was a victory for Heseltine, who has charged that Thatcher tried to "stifle his campaign against the Sikorsky-Fiat deal and in favour of a rival rescue by a consortium of five European companies."

It was also a defeat for Westland chairman Sir John Cuckney and his board of directors who had urged shareholders to accept the U.S.-led offer because it would be "an association with friends."

Immediately after the vote, Cuckney said the Europeans should withdraw their offer to avoid further damage to the company. Shareholders had not been asked to consider the European bid.

Soviet warns U.S. against Persian Gulf naval build-up

KUWAIT (Reuters). — A top Soviet defence official warned the U.S. in an interview published here yesterday against building up its naval presence in the Persian Gulf to protect merchant shipping.

Deputy Soviet Defence Minister Vladimir Govorov, who ended a six-day visit to Kuwait last Thursday, told the daily *Al-Wakeel*: "We would not agree with any steps by the U.S. to send forces to the Gulf."

"It is not within its rights. It should acknowledge the present balance of forces in the area," he said.

The White House last week expressed deep concern after the Iranian navy stopped and searched the U.S.-owned cargo ship *President Taylor* in international waters.

Gulf-based diplomats said U.S. naval vessels had started escorting some American merchant vessels in

Gulf sea lanes after the incident.

The Soviet Union has also warned the U.S. "it will not allow any American military strike against Libya." Palestinian terrorist Saeed Musa said Friday.

Musa, also known by the code name Abu Mousa, said Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi received "formal assurances" that the Soviets had delivered that message to President Reagan through the "direct secret communications channel" from Moscow to Washington.

In Washington, a White House spokesman told reporters, "I can categorically deny that we have received any warning as alleged... against military action against Libya from the Soviet Union."

QUAKE. — A moderate earthquake measuring 3.6 on the Richter scale yesterday shook the Greek seaside resort of Oropos near Athens for the fourth time in a week, but no damage or injuries were reported.

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Modi' in site is close to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Idea of a 'western high-tech' city begins to take shape

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It sounds almost too good to be true: an Israeli city, populated entirely by Anglo-Saxon immigrants, built according to American standards by foreign companies, and whose residents will encounter none of the bureaucratic hassle of the aliyah experience.

It hasn't happened yet and there are undoubtedly many obstacles still to be overcome. But 18 years after the idea of "Anglo City" was first raised, concrete steps are being taken to translate it into reality.

Late last month, the cabinet approved construction of the first 1,000 housing units for members of the permanent army at Modi'in, the reputed burial place of the Macabees. The cabinet also specified that the housing would "constitute part of an urban settlement planned for the Modi'in area."

Concurrently, a private construction company has already begun planning an estimated 2,500 to 3,500 private housing units in the area. Joint Interior and Housing Ministry teams are drawing up plans for the urbanization of the entire area and, in the near future, Prime Minister Peres is expected to appoint Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsor as project coordinator.

Addressing the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee recently, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi said that the government envisioned the new urban settlement as "a magnet for aliyah from the affluent countries." The immigrants, Ya'acobi said, "will have a city with a special western flavour, a place which should meet their expectations, their needs and their way of life."

Committee chairman MK Dov Ben-Meir, the initiator of the project, hopes that a quarter of a million western immigrants and returning Israelis could eventually be living in a high-tech city at Modi'in, less than 30 minutes drive from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Ben-Meir has been promoting the idea since 1968. Initially, it fell victim to the lack of interest of then-finance minister Pinhas Sapir and the first wave of emigration from the Soviet Union. Western immigration was not the highest priority, then.

But things are different today. Russia has closed its gates again and aliyah from most parts of the Diaspora has slowed to a trickle. If Israel is to remain true to its mission as the home of the Jews — and if it is to carve out a niche in the world of high technology — aliyah from the English-speaking world is vital.

For Ben-Meir, as well as for many others, western Jewry's failure to come here in substantial numbers is easily understandable. Unlike the 1950s mass immigration from North Africa and the Arab countries, western immigration is a voluntary movement. Western Jews will not come here in any great numbers unless conditions offered them approximate, in part at least, to those they leave behind.

In plain terms that means that the methods pioneered in the early years of the state, and still applied today, will have to be drastically altered.

The bureaucracy of the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry, the "take it or leave it" attitude of many Israelis who deal with immigrants, the shoddy quality of much of Israeli construction — all that will have to change if Israel is to attract Jews from the U.S. South Africa, Great Britain and elsewhere.

The solution, according to Ben-Meir, is a city built for and by western immigrants. Construction and development should be in the hands of private enterprise, and the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry should have little or nothing to do with it.

Ben-Meir acknowledges that the project is a tremendous vote of no-confidence in the existing system, but, as he sees it, such lack of confidence could hardly be better placed.

Once all the necessary government approval has been granted, a consortium of Jewish-owned real estate development companies from abroad will be set up in partnership with Israeli construction companies.

Contact has already been established with foreign developers within the framework of Ya'acobi's "millionaire task force."

The consortium is to be responsible both for the construction of the city, and for its development and management. It will fulfil all functions, from establishing a local authority to run the city-in-the-making, to representing the immigrants in their dealings with the authorities.

Ideally, says Ben-Meir, the new immigrant will not even have to visit the Absorption Ministry offices to get immigration benefits, mortgage or tax exemption. All that will be handled by the representatives of the consortium.

A potential immigrant, living, for example, in Cleveland, will be able to visit the local offices of the consortium to choose a suitable apartment. Payment for the apartment will be made in instalments in the years between the decision to immigrate and the immigrant's arrival here to settle.

The consortium will also help in finding jobs, in packing and shipping household goods to Israel, and in handling the legal and financial aspects of the move. Before arriving in Israel, immigrants will know where they are to be living, who their neighbours will be and what community services will be available.

Only time will tell whether the dream of Anglo City will fall victim to the Israeli version of Murphy's Law. But with the strong backing of Ya'acobi, Tsor and Ben-Meir, it has a better chance than most.

Reagan vetoes textile quota bill

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Reagan has vetoed a bill to restrict shipments of foreign textiles and shoes to the U.S. and Congress shied away from a showdown over the issue by postponing a vote to overturn his veto.

Reagan, a staunch opponent of trade protectionism, said last week he vetoed the bill, which sets quotas on textile and shoe imports because it would provoke retaliation against U.S. exports by other countries and cost American jobs.

Despite substantial support for the bill in Congress, the House of Representatives which is dominated by opposition Democrats, immediately decided to postpone until August 6, 1986 any consideration of overriding Reagan's veto.

The house action delays a confrontation between Reagan and Congress over the emotionally

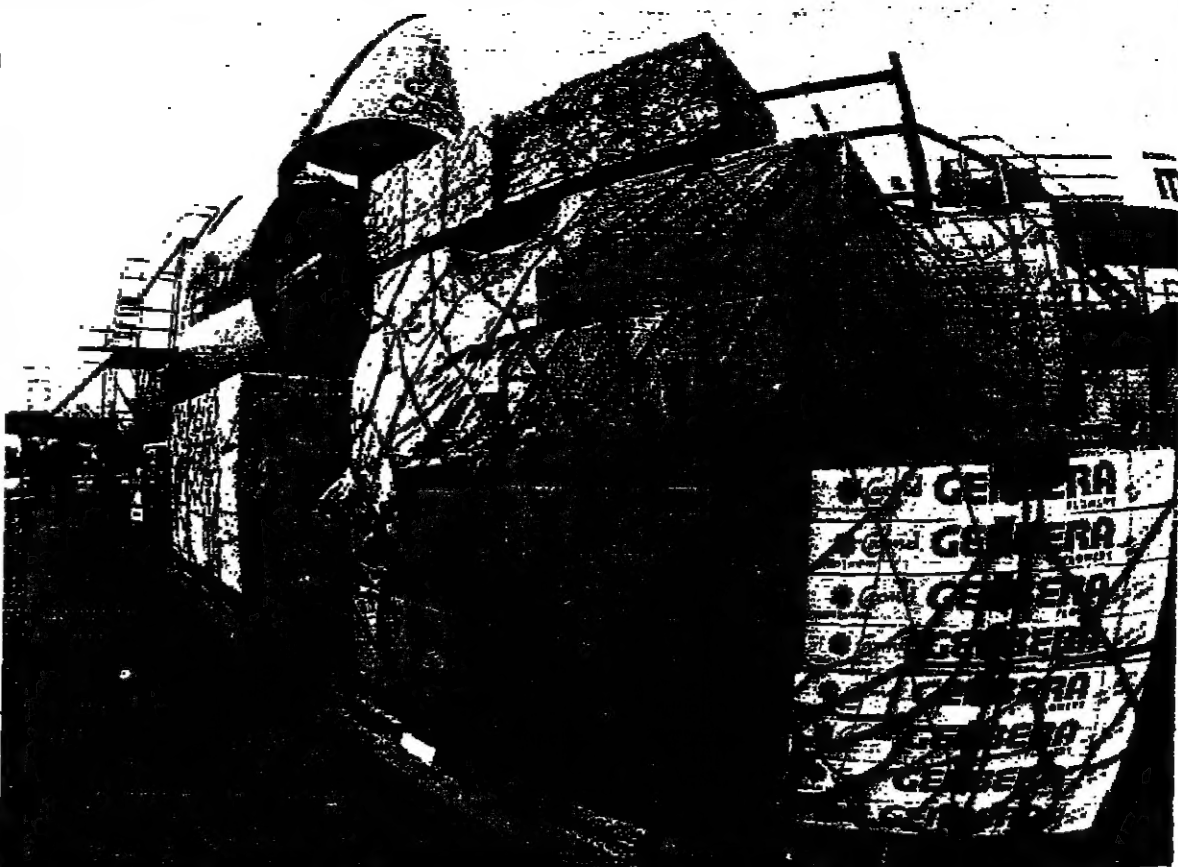
charged bill, which was passed as the country heads towards an expected record trade deficit this year of \$150 billion.

Meanwhile, lawmakers said they would seek to negotiate a compromise bill with the White House.

Although the textile bill passed both houses of Congress by large margins, it won less than the two-thirds majority which would be needed to override a veto.

Reagan said he ordered Treasury Secretary James Baker to study the import levels of textiles and clothing to make sure the imports had not exceeded negotiated limits.

Bill Klopman, chairman of the Fibre, Fabric and Apparel Coalition for Trade called Reagan's veto "appalling." He said that the veto guarantees the continued erosion of the nation's most important manufacturing sector.



Tons of fruit, vegetables and flowers are being airlifted from Israel daily by the C.A.L. cargo line to frost-bound Europe.

Wall Street: It all depends on the dispute over a law?

NEW YORK (AP). — In the weeks and months ahead many Wall Street analysts believe the course of the stock and bond markets will be set by the legal progress of a law mandating steps toward a balanced U.S. government budget.

As it was debated and enacted in late 1985, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill was greeted with considerable enthusiasm in the financial world. Analysts saw prospects for low interest rates and a strong U.S. economy in the measure, which calls for staged reductions in the government deficit to zero by the 1991 fiscal year.

The law has been challenged on constitutional grounds, however, and the question of whether it will stand seems headed for the Supreme Court.

Now that chances appear slight for any easing of credit by the Federal Reserve in the near future, many observers say the outlook for interest rates, and thus for the securities markets, hinges on what the courts have to say about Gramm-Rudman-Hollings.

The first ruling, by a district court, is expected soon — quite possibly within the next couple of weeks. The guessing on Wall Street is that the question will reach the Supreme Court in the spring.

"We expect soggy markets until the district court renders a decision," says John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

In the past week, stocks staged a partial recovery from their early January sell-off. The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks had fallen 35.67 points the week before, rose 23.17 to 1,536.70.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.51 to 120.33. Big board volume averaged 121.52 million shares a day, down from 146.43 million the week before.

Some Wall Streeters, in contrast to Connolly, say they hope the courts will decide against Gramm-Rudman. They fear that what they see as sledgehammer budget-cutting will do serious harm to the economy.

Raymond F. Devos Jr., at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc., says the bill, "if it stands, could win a battle, balancing the budget, and lose the war by wrecking the economy, promoting social chaos and emasculating the military."

But the bulls on Gramm-Rudman think it could help achieve a balanced budget, and at the same time allow for growth in the private sector to fill in the gaps left by a smaller government presence in the economy.

Investors wary of new 'miracle' remedy for colds

NEW YORK (AP). — Experimenters have come up with a nasal spray that claims to prevent common colds. But drug-industry analysts argue that its impact will be slight and far into the future because the product is costly and bothersome.

Schering-Plough corp., one of several companies working on a spray that contains the hormone interferon, has applied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for permission to sell its product as a prescription drug, and a report Thursday in *The New England Journal of Medicine* claims it is effective.

But Kent Blair, an analyst with Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette, a New York investment brokerage, said: "This is so far away. The company is going to have to convince the doctors that this works. Then the company is going to have to convince the public it works."

Many analysts said that FDA approval is not expected for at least another 18 months, and that patients could spend up to \$100 for each treatment, including a mandatory doctor visit and prescription fees.

Others stressed the research shows the spray is only effective in healthy adults threatened by the rhinovirus, one kind of cold-causing germ, and in many cases produces the same stuffiness and runny nose of a cold.

"It won't be inexpensive. It won't be a popular remedy," said Ronald Stern, an analyst at First Boston Corp., a New York investment firm. John Curran, an analyst at L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin, also dismissed the idea that the spray would be widely used and predicted it would have a narrow market of people who suffer chronic upper respiratory ailments.

Frutarom rescued

HAIFA. — The Frutarom Electrochemical Company is to continue operating after agreement with the government over rescheduling the firm's debts of nearly \$50 million which were threatening its future.

At a special meeting, the board of directors and the company's main shareholder, Dr. John Farber, decided to accept the government's terms for bailing out the firm.

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TOURISM BRIEFS

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

LUFTHANSA passengers can expect special VIP treatment this year, as the German airline celebrates its 50th anniversary. The company was formed on January 6, 1936, through the merger of the rival Deutsche Aero Lloyd and Junkers Luftverkehr AG. Three months later, the first scheduled Lufthansa flight touched down at Berlin's Tempelhof airport.

In its first year of operations, Lufthansa introduced the world's first passenger night flights. This was followed by many other "firsts."

After World War II the original Lufthansa company was liquidated to be resurrected in 1948. Since 1969 Lufthansa has been out of the red. It has been growing ever since.

ANNIVERSARY celebrations are what makes the world go around. With two years to go before Israel's 40th anniversary, preparations for the festivities are already well under way. The Tourism Ministry and the municipalities of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are already making arrangements to host scores of choirs, bands, ensembles, dance companies and solo entertainers. Arrangements have been made between the Tourism Ministry and Fine Arts Travel of New York for a nationwide campaign for tourism to Israel in 1986.

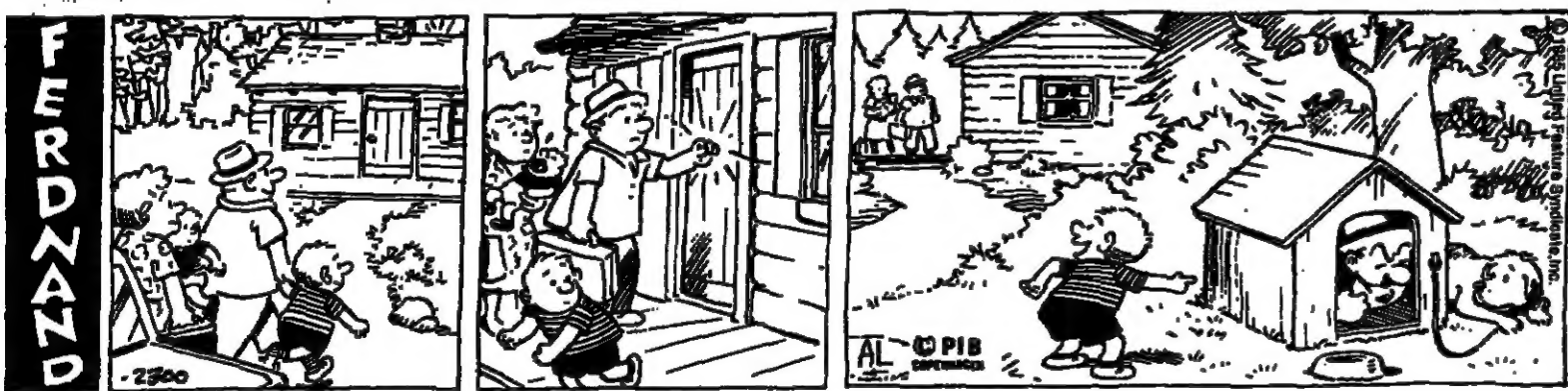
THE EIN YAHAV Tavern in the Arava guest houses, now numbering 28. Ein Yahav boasts a filling station, a kiosk, a self-service cafeteria and a Chinese restaurant. Short-range plans include the development of health spa facilities. In the more distant future Ein Yahav plans to have its own motel.

GYPSY VIOLINS and a liberal sprinkling of paprika are only part of the ingredients of the Hungarian Fortnight, commencing on January 28 at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, and on February 15 at the Dan Carmel in Haifa. The Dan chain is flying in four Hungarian chefs as well as five Hungarian gypsy musicians.

FINES for breaches of regulations in tourism services will be increased from today, according to Dov Koloni, legal adviser to the Tourism Ministry. The maximum fine for violations will be NIS 125. Violations include failure to comply with the conditions in the operating licence of a tourist enterprise; failure by hotels to display room rates and food and beverage prices; operating a hotel which has not been given a rating; employment of unqualified personnel in travel agencies and unlicensed personnel getting paid for acting as tour guides. The ministry's investigation unit is empowered to file charges. Offenders have the option of paying or being charged in court.

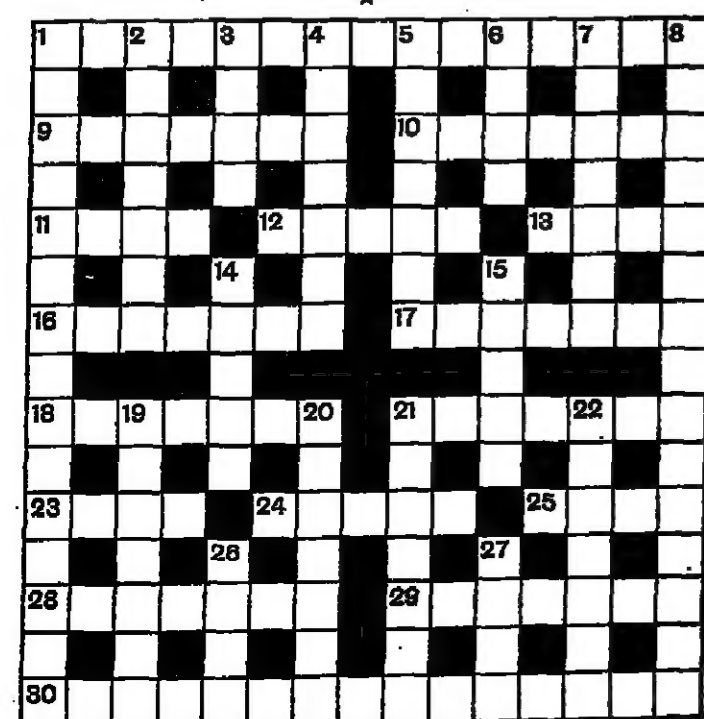
GUESTACCOM'S GUIDE to the comfortable, charming and inexpensive small hotels and guesthouses throughout Great Britain is now available. Thoroughly comprehensive, it lists the proprietors of each hostelry, the number of bedrooms, general environment and credit cards accepted. Bed and breakfast accommodation is available for as little as £8.50 a night, though the average rate is £12.50. Weekly rates including meals are in many cases below £100, but the average is around £115.

The guide is available free of charge, except for postal expenses. Send \$1 in cash (no cheques or stamps) to Guestaccom, Claremont House, Second Avenue, Hove, East Sussex, England BN3 2LL. Guestaccom also has its own reservations service, details of which will be sent with the guide. For budget-minded Israelis planning a vacation in England, Scotland and Wales, this guide will prove invaluable.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Charming man who can do wonders with a profit-loss sheet (9, 6) | 1 Heavenly banquet given to occupants of 10? (5, 3, 3, 4) |
| 9 Stuffy serials in need of revision (7) | 2 Jittery old tyrant rounding against us (7) |
| 10 Venue of art exhibition for top people in the theatre (7) | 3 One doesn't have to have it (4) |
| 11 An implement to behold in retrospect (4) | 4 Is going to court or coming out (7) |
| 12 West Scottish isle that up-lifts? (5) | 5 Reasonably intelligent American soldier in a nearby hostelry (7) |
| 13 Parisian showgirl if doing a double turn (4) | 6 Troubles from which we still suffer (4) |
| 16 Got us in trouble carrying out an eviction order (7) | 7 She provides the drinks if we go out after liquor (7) |
| 17 Innocent young frisker in front of the new archbishop's palace (7) | 8 It's blatantly extortionate, though not an act of dark villainy (8, 7) |
| 18 Hard-working victims of a long-term investment (7) | 14 Medical man investing in a foreign currency (5) |
| 21 Uncivil fellow I come in to join (7) | 15 Pint-sized sergeant-major talking everybody on (5) |
| 23 Swallows coming from a cove at sunset (4) | 19 No return to trio skirting a lake in North America (7) |
| 24 Luggage vehicles pulled by horses (5) | 20 Nothing to laugh at when Rosie gets annoyed with us (7) |
| 25 Pointed attempt to draw blood (4) | 21 Parson crazed with love for a treble gifted female (7) |
| 28 Horace Walpole's down-at-heel Italian castle (7) | 22 Poke one's nose into an untidied arrangement (7) |
| 29 A Post Office pack-animal brought round for an injection, maybe? (7) | 26 The girl I object about? (4) |
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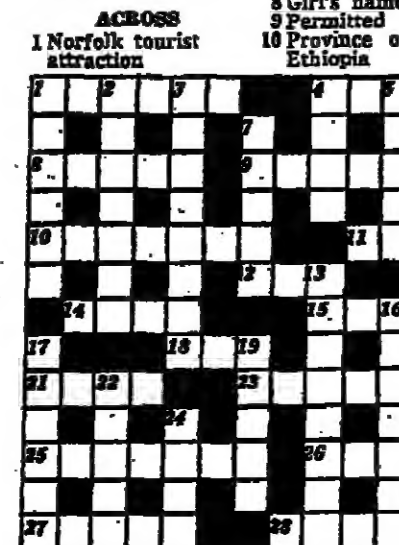
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Standings after 13 rounds					
1. Hap. TA	W	D	L	Pts	31
2. Mac. Haifa	9	2	2	21	29
3. Bet. Jem	7	3	3	17	24
4. Kfar Sava	6	4	3	16	22
5. Bnei Yehuda	6	4	3	16	22
6. Mac. TA	6	4	3	16	20
7. Hap. PT	5	5	3	15	20
8. Hap. Jem	5	5	3	15	17
9. Beersheba	4	4	5	12	16
10. Mac. PT	4	4	5	12	14
11. Hap. Haifa	3	5	5	11	14
12. Yavne	3	5	5	11	13
13. Netanya	3	5	5	11	13
14. Shimon	1	6	6	6	13
15. Sha'arayim	1	6	6	6	13
16. Jaffa	1	6	6	6	13

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Bet. Ramat	2	Hap. Lod	1		
Hap. R. Hasiaron	0	Hap. Tiberias	0		
Hap. Ramat Gan	3	Bet. Haifa	0		
Hap. Beit Shimon	0	Bet. Netanya	3		
Hap. Holon	2	Bet. Tel Aviv	0		
Hap. Acre	1	Hap. Maccabi	0		
Hap. Yehud	0	Mac. R. Ashdod	0		

Standings after 13 rounds					
1. Bet. Netanya	W	D	L	Pts	31
2. Hap. Lod	7	3	3	17	24
3. Ashdod	6	4	3	16	24
4. Ramat	6	4	3	16	21
5. Tiberias	6	4	3	16	21
6. Bet. TA	6	4	3	16	20
7. Hadera	6	4	3	16	20
8. Holon	5	5	3	15	19
9. Hakoah	5	5	3	15	18
10. R. Hasiaron	4	5	4	14	18
11. Acre	4	5	4	14	15
12. Hap. RG	4	5	4	14	15
13. Yehud	3	5	5	11	15
14. Marmorek	3	5	5	11	15
15. Bet. Haifa	3	5	5	11	15
16. R. Shimon	3	5	5	11	15

United's slip

LONDON (AP). — Manchester United conceded two late goals and were upset 2-3 at home by Notts Forest to have their lead cut to two points at the top of the English First Division soccer league.

Everton, Liverpool and Chelsea, the three chasing teams, all won convincingly to close the gap.

Two goals by Danish international Jesper Olsen failed to save United in front of another big crowd at Old Trafford. Visitors Forest took the lead two minutes before halftime when Colin Walsh scored against the run of play.

Olsen levelled with a penalty at the start of the second half and then put the league leader in front after 67 minutes.

But with United seemingly on their way to another home win, Forest dramatically snatched the points with two strikes on the counter-attack in the last nine minutes. Walsh scored his second goal after 81 minutes and Nigel Clough, son of Forest manager Brian Clough, won the match with a header with two minutes left on the clock.

BOXING. — Tim Witherspoon got back a piece of the heavyweight championship Friday night, beating Tony Tubbs by first round knockout, as was the World Boxing Association's decision with a 15-round majority decision.

Aussie shot-in-the-arm for Israeli women's tennis

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. — Former Australian tennis star Judy Dalton (Tegart), now one of the game's leading woman coaches, is due here at the end of this month to spend ten days working out with the top Israeli girl players.

Israeli Tennis Centre International Board chairman Freddie Krivine, who is also the Israeli Tennis Association's first Director of Women's Tennis, told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday: "Dalton will assess the potential of these players, with a view to becoming coach of the national women's team when it travels abroad in the future."

The arrival of Dalton on January 29 will mark the start of Krivine's ambitious training programme aimed at getting at least two girls into the top 100 in the world within the next two or three years. "We hope that Dalton's visit will result in her

assuming a major role in the development of women's tennis here, Krivine said.

Dalton was a world top-tenner in singles every year between 1961 and 1971 — finishing as runner-up to Billy Jean King at Wimbledon in 1969 — while she won a total of eight Grand Slam women's doubles titles at the Wimbledon, French, U.S. and Australian championships, mainly partnered by her compatriot Margaret Court (Smith). She has been coach of Australia's successful women's Federation Cup team for the past five years.

"Dalton will look over and evaluate some dozen girls aged between 13 and 16, of whom the best prospects are Dalia Coriat and Zehavit Galon," Krivine said. "She will also assess the chances of several older players now doing their military service, including Sagit Doron and Ilana Berger." (Israel's two top

the best said about the Beersheba-Maccabi Tel Aviv blank scoreline the better and not much more need be wasted on Betar's slender victory over sliding Be'er Yehuda. There the one bright spark as far as the Jerusalem club was concerned was the performance of their young acquisition Yaron Cohen who scored the winner with less than 18 minutes to go. Also the fact that Uri Mahalim is back in action though he didn't have much of a game.

The two delights of the day were in the centre of the country in seemingly unimportant middle of the table clashes and involving the two Petah Tikva clubs. Hapoel were on the winning side, Maccabi very much on the receiving end.

The young Hapoel Petah Tikva combination (whom I tip as championship material in a season or two) proved that they are made of stern stuff when they kept their unbeaten home record and did so in style. They bounced back from the dismay of an early Arye Shapira snap goal in the 6th minute to level through their livewire Alon Hazan just before the interval but not before the woodwork had saved Arye Bjerano in the Hapoel Jerusalem goal on no fewer than three occasions.

Both these clubs had beaten top opposition last weekend and their unchanged combinations were out to prove those results no fluke. The beneficiaries were the 1,500 supporters who were thrilled by six goals. Nir Levin with two and Nir Alon another, bested Yair Assayag's single fine shot for the visitors in the

MATCH REPORT: Mac. Netanya 1, Hap. Tel Aviv 3

By AVNER MACHTINGER

NETANYA. — Hapoel Tel Aviv showed 7,000 fans here just why they are top of the National League, coming from behind to thoroughly trounce Maccabi Netanya 3-1.

The Hapoel strength was most emphatic in their midfield, where Moshe Sinai, Maurice Jano and Eli Cohen controlled the game. The

team as a whole showed a new confidence and sharpness compared to their play of the last five years. The Tel Avivians were specially well drilled in taking advantage of corner kicks, following which all three of their goals were scored.

Maccabi Netanya, without the Maccabi twins who were on view for Maccabi Petah Tikva in Kfar Sava, fielded a young team with Elad Koren, Michal Rothen, Haim and Ronnie Levy (not related) and Tal Baril, new names in the line-up. Also, Ya'acov Baladov, who played for the national youth team, took over in goal for veteran national team keeper Arie Haviv.

The home team opened well enough, showing no inferiority complex opposite the league leaders. David Lavie headed Netanya into the lead in the 10th minute from a Yigal Menachem cross from the right wing. It was Lavie's 7th goal of the season.

But the Netanya fans' jubilation was short-lived. Within one minute Hapoel were level. Sinai sent an in-swinging corner into the Netanya goal mouth and there was Yehuda Amar's head to nod the ball in.

Yaron Givoli, playing as Hapoel stopper, was injured in the 15th minute and replaced by David Hershkovitz. As the game progressed, the visitors got further on top. It was only a matter of time before Hapoel would provide the goals. In the 28th minute, Jano took a corner. Sinai headed on to Eli Yanni who nodded in Hapoel's second goal.

In the 25th minute Eli Cohen cracked a 22 metre shot into the Netanya crossbar. Two minutes later, Hapoel clinched the three points. It was a 31st corner that 18-year-old Elad Koren headed an own goal.

RUGBY. — England fly-half Rob Andrew calmly drove a 100-metre kick to a 10-0 lead over Wales in their Five Nations Rugby Union international at Twickenham yesterday. In Edinburgh, the right half of debutant full-back Gavin Hastings produced a record-breaking 100-metre kick to help Scotland to a 16-17 victory over France.



PUTTING THE BOOT IN. — Bnei Yehuda's Nissim Cohen needs to take evasive action from a Betar Jerusalem boot in yesterday's game at the YMCA stadium which Betar won 1-0.

second half to create the final 4-2 scoreline.

Up the road in Kfar Sava, Maccabi Petah Tikva bolstered by the return of the Maccabi twins had to rely more on good fortune and good goalkeeping from Moshe Marcos to keep their

Maccabi Haifa 1, Maccabi Yavne 0

Champions still firing on only three cylinders

By PHILIP GILLON

HAIFA. — Maccabi Haifa came through 1-0 against Maccabi Yavne at Kiryat Eliezer stadium here yesterday in a game that fluctuated for the league champions like the weather — ranging from bright sunshine to black skies and pouring rain.

Haifa began in great style, showing the speed and elan that have become their hallmarks. In the opening 25 minutes, they swarmed around the Yavne goal like bees around the honey pot, sending the fans into ecstasy.

In the very first minute, young Yaron Givoli broke through and laid on a great pass for Baruch Mammán, who shot straight at the goal keeper. Givoli went through again a minute later, gaining a corner which proved fruitless.

In the next minute, Eytan Aharoni went through to get yet another corner. Zahi Arneli followed immediately afterwards, hitting the post with a terrific drive, but Mammán shot the rebound wide.

Ronnie Rosenthal, Nir Kiner, Arneli, and Mizrahi all squandered chances created by brilliant passing

moves in the following 10 minutes. Then Haifa suddenly seemed to go to sleep. For the rest of the first half, it was all Yavne, apart from sporadic and uncoordinated raids by the champions.

From the opening whistle of the second half, however, Haifa once again gave their best, playing in their early season style. In the second minute of the half, Rosenthal rounded off a beautiful movement, in which several players participated, with a perfect header to give Haifa a 1-0 lead. Yavne nearly equalized off a free kick that Avi Ran, the new international goalkeeper, had to tip over the bar.

In the last ten minutes, as the rain began to pour down, the Haifa fans were in danger of catching pneumonia and having heart attacks. Their team abandoned the initiative entirely to Yavne, who got in several shots, only to see their comprehensive stoppage by Ran.

All in all, it was a scrappy game, with Givoli, Rosenthal, Mammán, Aharoni, and Ran the best players on the field. Notably, they are all Haifa players.

Squash tourney to host some top-notch rackets

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Australian star Ricki Hill and leading British player Angela Smith are among the high calibre entries in the Sagram-Sabra Israel Open Squash Championships, taking place early next month at the

Herziya Squash Centre. A record 30 overseas competitors are expected for this fourth tournament in the series. Israel Squash Rackets Association chairman Avraham Albo said last week — this despite the fact that prize money has been reduced to \$3,000.

Smith has won all three women's titles here to date, while Hill (currently ranked 13 in the world) took the men's crown in 1984 and was runner-up last year. Lining up with the Australian on February 5 will be Irish champion Willy Hickey, England's top-ranked under-19 racket player and 1985 Maccabi squash champion David Kempel, a South African member of the World's new-incoming contingent who remained in the country after the games.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL. — Leon Wood, playing his 10th game with Washington, scored 13 in the second half to lead the Wizards to a 116-96 National Basketball Association victory over the New Jersey Nets with a career high of 36 points and eight assists Friday night.

In other games, the Boston Celtics beat the Los Angeles Lakers 123, Indiana Pacers 105, Detroit Pistons 113, San Antonio Spurs 106, Philadelphia 76ers 118 in overtime; Utah Jazz 139, Dallas Mavericks 102, Seattle SuperSonics 125, Golden State Warriors 111.

ICE HOCKEY. — Ron Francis and Paul MacDermid scored two goals each Friday night as the Hartford Whalers beat the Quebec Nordiques 11-6 and tied a team record for most goals in a National Hockey League game.

Elsewhere, it was Winnipeg 5, Chicago 1; New York Islanders 4, Philadelphia 3; Washington Capitals 4, New Jersey 3; and Buffalo Sabres 4 in overtime.

On Thursday, Boston beat Calgary 3-2, and Minnesota edged St. Louis 4-3.

MASTERS TENNIS

Boris, Ivan supreme

NEW YORK (AP). — In an electrifying display of power, top-seeded Ivan Lendl stopped American Tim Mayotte and Sweden's Anders Jarryd brushed aside Brad Gilbert Friday night to move into the semifinals of the \$500,000 Nabisco Masters Tennis Championships.

Lendl stopped Mayotte 6-3, 6-3 in a match much closer than the score indicated, while Jarryd had no problems with Gilbert, who upset defending champion John McEnroe in a first-round match. The Swede eliminated Gilbert 6-1, 6-2.

On Thursday, West German "wunderkind" Boris Becker defeated Sweden's Mats Wilander, and Ecuador's Andres Gomez, a last-minute replacement for Jimmy Connors, swept past Johann Kriek to make the semifinals.

Becker, who burst into prominence last July when he became the youngest player to win the Wimbledon men's singles crown, blasted his way past Wilander, the reigning French Open champion, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In the tightest-fought match of this season-ending tournament so far, Wilander jumped out front by breaking the hard-serving Becker in the very first game. When he held his own serve at 15, Wilander, seeded

third here at Madison Square Garden, had a 2-0 lead.

But Becker was the crowd favorite, delighting the fans with his rocketing serves and acrobatic play, twice diving to the indoor carpet to make a play. And he didn't disappoint them when, in the fifth game, he fired three consecutive aces in holding serve, then evaded the set by breaking Wilander at 15 in the sixth game.

The redhead from Leimen, West Germany, added two more aces to his total in the sixth game. Then he closed out the opening set when he broke the Swede's service in the 10th game. Wilander, ranked third in the world and winner of four Grand Slam titles in his career, just lifted his game a little higher, finding the lines with his groundstrokes and occasionally going to the net for usually successful volleys. He continually changed the pace and the spin in an effort to keep Becker off balance.

All Becker had to do then was hold his own serve. He did that after losing the first point, fittingly closing out the match with his 10th ace of the night.

In the semifinals, Jarryd takes on Becker, followed by Lendl against Gomez.

Lendl, seeking his third masters crown in five years, needed to pull out all the stops against Mayotte, but every time he needed a point, the Czechoslovakian right-hander got it. Gilbert had moved into the quarterfinals at Madison Square Garden with a shocking first-round upset of defending champion John McEnroe. But the fireworks he displayed Wednesday night were nowhere in evidence against Jarryd, one of a quartet of Swedes to qualify for this 16-player field.

Lessons for Maccabi rather than eulogies

By DON GOULD and YARON KENAN

Happily the post mortem will be saved off for another day.

Just when everyone was preparing to eulogize Maccabi Tel Aviv, the Israeli basketball champions finally put their act together. Their 88-86 victory in Brussels on Thursday night, giving the talented Soviet side Shalgin Kovna their first defeat of the season as they themselves recorded their first win in five tries in the European Cup final pool, proved that Maccabi can mix it with the best in Europe.

Those who had previously reckoned them the best combination ever put together by Maccabi but who had been ready to throw in the towel on that assessment are now again refraining from rushing to final judgment.

Maccabi are still very short on team tactics on both ends of the court — and that is a fault that must clearly be laid at the door of their coach Zvi Sher — but very long on individual talent. In essence, what happened on Thursday night was that they were finally blessed by more than two players missing a shot at the same time. That simple fact helped inspire them to a steady determination not to knuckle under to the taller Russians.

No one ever taught Kevin McGeary the meaning of an off day as he provided another top performance; his 33 points (at a staggering 59% shooting record) plus 19 rebounds speak volumes. Lee Johnson clipped in with brilliant plays at key moments. But the real pleasure for Israeli fans was to see at least a partial redemption of Barkovitz, Janches and Aroest.

One word of criticism for something which Israel has not stopped praising in the past 60 years and which deserves a danger. It again suggests lack of tactical consciousness that is Maccabi's fundamental weakness.

Having effected that brilliant steal in the closing seconds with just 14 seconds to go, Mickey Berkovitz engaged in a dangerous and foolhardy move. Instead of driving up court himself to beat two men in a lay-up — a play which could easily have gone wrong and allowed the Russians to win with a last chance — he should simply have held onto the ball for the remainder of the game. A dribbler as proficient as Berkovitz should have had no difficulty doing that.

But as all Israel lies back and self-indulgently enjoys the sweet taste of victory, it is worth pointing to two things which we should have enjoyed on both nights in Brussels, not merely the second when Maccabi came out on top. Even though the Soviet team are the one that all Israeli fans want to beat, even subconsciously these are feelings that should be relished by all true fans.

Yizre'el tops rugby heap

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hapoel Yizre'el yesterday moved up to the top of the National Rugby League table, with a hard-earned 19-7 home victory over championship contenders Hapoel Ra'anana. Meanwhile, title-holders ASA Jerusalem cruised past visitors ASA-Technion, 20-0 in the second match on the card. Yizre'el now have 12 points from seven outings,

while Ra'anana and Jerusalem both have 10, though the latter have a match in hand in the seven-club round-robin.

In "cricket" weather at Yizre'el, the host's free-running backs Noam Rosenberg, Amir Shuman and Oded Marcus all crossed for tries, with Ophir Elad on target with two conversions. ASA-Technion, only trailing 6-3 at half-time — replied with a try by full-back Daryl Edelman and a penalty from Lawrence Sacks.

'Duvid' raises Hapoel Tel Aviv up to the stars

By PAUL KOHN

The 90 kilo, rotund figure of 60-year-old David Schweitzer can be seen every Saturday afternoon, as he roars at his footballers from the sidelines of whatever field his team happens to be gracing. His is not an attractive style of coaching on the day of a match, but nobody will dispute his total involvement in every move in a game — and it leaves no doubt about who is the boss at Hapoel Tel Aviv.

"Duvid" can certainly claim that his coaching pays off. He has a long record of successes in the past, and this season so far has been an outstanding one for Schweitzer. No other soccer coach in the country can measure up to his attainments. He took over at Hapoel Tel Aviv before the start of the season, the team having finished a disappointing 9th place in the standings last season. This year, Hapoel Tel Aviv are at last doing justice to their talents.

None can deny that the change within Hapoel Tel Aviv, especially the new enthusiasm of the players, has been the work of Duvid. His

uninhibited thirst for achievement cannot but rub off on his players.

"You can set your clock by the time when we start training. You'll know it is exactly 2.30," Schweitzer, the martinet, told me. At precisely that time, on the training-field with his players, you will find the Tel Aviv grandfather, in shorts, putting his players through their paces.

His tactical sessions include post-mortems on the team's last game and assessments of the team to be faced on the coming Saturday. Duvid gives his final instructions ten minutes before the start of each match. But that is hardly his final word: ahead of him are 90 minutes of gesticulating and shouting commands to get his team to do the things he wants.

"My players have to adapt to doing it my way," he says. "They have to know that I am in charge, every player, regardless of his reputation, must accept that situation," he told us.

A couple of weeks ago, Schweitzer lambasted the club's parent body, the Tel Aviv Labour Council, whom he considered responsible for

disrupting his players' morale. Some, to whom money was owing. He did not turn up for training. Schweitzer said he could not coach a team under such circumstances, and drove home. He offered to resign — and meant it.

Schweitzer is no newcomer to Hapoel Tel Aviv. He played right back for the club and Israel from 1948 into the mid-1950's. He was a robust tackle in a national team that included Chodoroff, Glazer, Mirinowitch, Schneider, Moshe Litvak and Eli Fuchs. "Looking back, people have an impression that players had better individual skills then, but you just cannot compare the game then to football today. Marking was not so tight, nor were defences so packed," he says.

Schweitzer was a sergeant-major in the army, teaching IDF physical training instructors. It was while in uniform that he met sergeant Mira Rosansky, a nurse, and married her. They had two children, Orly and Moshe, who also became an Israeli international footballer.

Schweitzer later worked for the security services for 20 years. He found time to coach soccer clubs in the lower leagues, such as Hapoel Kiryat Haim, Mahane Yehuda and Hapoel Hadera. In two successive seasons he took Hapoel Ramat Gan from the third division to the National League. Greater achievements were yet to come.

In 1966, he took over as coach at Hapoel Tel Aviv. Within the year, they won the league championship. Next, he took the State Cup with Hakoah, then in 1970 the league title with Maccabi Tel Aviv. A year later, he was in charge at Maccabi Netanya when they too won the championship.

Schweitzer attained his first representative appointment as coach of the national youth team. In 1972, they won the Asian Cup. Two years later he became national team coach. His team reached the Asian championship final in Tehran, following wins over Malaysia 8-3, the Philippines 6-0, Burma 3-0 and Japan 3-0. Playing before a crowd of 200,000 at

the Shah's new stadium, Israel lost to Iran 1-0.

Schweitzer took Israel's Olympic squad to the 1976 Montreal Olympiad, drawing games there against Guatemala, Mexico and France before going down 4-1 to Brazil in the quarter-finals.

The Tel Aviv coach learnt the rudiments of the profession in Germany. Later he concentrated on English football, travelling there every year as the guest of Bill Nicholson, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, to join that team in its weeks of pre-season training. The introduction of several Israeli coaches to English football was made by Jack Gibbons, a former Spurs player, who was the first foreign coach appointed to handle the Israel national side. "I learnt most about how to forge players into a team in England," Schweitzer comments.

He still visits Britain frequently. "Sometimes I see two matches a day, morning and afternoon, during the Boxing Day and New Year period," he says.



VERY MUCH IN COMMAND — David Schweitzer

For two seasons before this one, David coached Betar Jerusalem, each time ending the season second to Maccabi Haifa.

Schweitzer is not ready to predict that his team will win the championship. "There are three other teams equally good, and I still have a lot to do to get the results I want."

The biggest single step to raising the level of local football would be acceptance of Israel into Europe, according to Schweitzer. In one stroke, it would mean regular, sharp competition at all levels and would open the eyes of Israeli players to what real professional football is all about, Schweitzer declares.

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Madrid and Jerusalem

THE SIGNING of the agreement between representatives of Spain and Israel at The Hague last Friday, establishing formal diplomatic ties between the two Mediterranean democracies amounts not only to the removal of an utter anomaly, but to the righting of an historical wrong.

Although the 1492 "edict of expulsion" was in effect repealed by the Madrid authorities over a century ago, Spain never truly made amends for having cast its once thriving Jewish community out of their native country. When the occasion arose, after the Jewish People regained sovereign statehood in their ancestral homeland, Israel, it was, at first, reluctant, at first, to establish diplomatic relations with a Spanish fascist regime that had just recently been allied with Nazi Germany.

Following this line, Israel voted in 1949 against a UN motion to rescind a diplomatic boycott imposed three years earlier on Franco's Spain. That, Madrid argued, had been base ingratitude for what it claimed, was its massive rescue effort of Jews in Europe during the Holocaust years.

Within a few short years Jerusalem, following the counsel of *Realpolitik*, was willing to come to terms with even a Franco-ruled Spain. But it turned out to be too late: The Spanish had already forged an Arab connection that, so it was claimed, served their economic and political interests far better than a linkage with Israel. Until the Caudillo's death, ten years ago, Spain was to be the Arabs' staunchest and most devoted friend and mouthpiece, and Israel's one truly relentless foe, in all Western Europe.

The general expectation was that the restoration of democracy in Spain would mean an immediate reversal of attitude towards the Jewish state. The signal from Madrid in early 1976 was, indeed, that the establishment of formal ties with Israel was only a matter of weeks, or months at the most.

But nothing happened. Year in, year out, that same signal kept flickering, signifying nothing but Spanish fear of Arab retaliation and indecision. The time, it was repeatedly explained by a succession of foreign ministers in King Juan Carlos's centrist governments, was not right. Spain had become so dependent on the favours of the Arabs - for the supply of oil, for the investment of petrodollars, for the preservation of the remaining Spanish outposts in Northern Africa - it could not afford to antagonize them. Even if Spanish public opinion clearly favoured ties with Israel.

Relations might perhaps be established if Israel were willing to compensate Spain for the risks it would thus be taking, by itself making political concessions to the Arabs. Still, it was a pity Israel had missed the boat back in 1949.

The latter, it would have seemed, was not an argument the socialists would use when they gained power under Felipe Gonzalez in December 1982, seeing that it was their party which led a democratic bloc that had urged the then Labour-led Israeli government to join in a worldwide boycott of the fascist tyranny in their land after World War II. But Israel was still up to its neck in Lebanon, so conditions were still not propitious enough, and the Arabs needed some further softening up.

Last year, however, with the Lebanese war having been wound up by Mr. Gonzalez's Socialist International colleague, Shimon Peres, now Israel's premier, and with MK Micha Harish, head of the Labour Party's international department, using his close personal relations with Felipe Gonzalez and exerting party pressure, and with the Foreign Ministry under Yitzhak Shamir stepping up its own effort of persuasion, Madrid finally announced a deadline for what it termed recognition of Israel. It was June 1986, the date already set for the next general election, although it could be advanced six months, to roughly coincide with Spain's accession to the European Community. Friendly persuasion by a number of West European governments also helped.

Israel's high and low, disillusioned by endlessly unfulfilled Spanish promises of formal ties "not too far into the future," were by then almost ready to give up hope for what seemed to be shaping up as just another castle in Spain. During the past five years a solid Israeli presence - involving bilateral economic, cultural and even political relations - had in any case been developed under the wise guidance of an unassuming but consummate diplomat, Shmuel Hadass. Acting in the guise of this country's representative to the Madrid-based World Tourism Organization, Mr. Hadass had won not only wide admiration as Israel's authoritative spokesman, but general acceptance as its *de facto* ambassador.

It was not so much a matter of dire practical necessity for him to be appointed actual ambassador, as an issue of national honour, for Spain not any less than for Israel. But it is also true that a fruitful dialogue could not be held by two countries, if one is afraid to appear in public with the other.

The opportunity for such a dialogue has now been opened - on the politics of Middle East peace, which both unite and divide Israel and Spain; on the reconciliation of economic interests, which may be partly conflicting, but partly complementary. The scheduled meeting between Shimon Peres and Felipe Gonzalez at The Hague today will inaugurate this dialogue on a formal, sovereign level for the first time in the annals of the two nations.

'Zion for the Zionists'

By ALEXANDER ZEEV GUIORA

goes back to Rabbi Yochanan ben-Zakkai pleading, according to a much nurtured legend, with the Roman Emperor Vespasian for "Yavne and its sages." Parenthetically, it would be interesting to have the opinion of the attorney-general, any attorney-general, of the framers of a tradition that has the hero of the legend sneak out of a besieged city, in the middle of all-out war, to negotiate surrender arrangements for a privileged section of the population.

In other words, and some might flinch at them, the State of Israel is in the process of renouncing Zionism. That should make a lot of people happy, from Noam Chomsky to Jacob Neusner, but not the rest of us here, not by a long shot. And it behooves those of us for whom the fulfilment of the Zionist revolution represents the best and the most wonderful that has happened to our people since the burning of Jerusalem to stand up and be counted. Now, let us stand up and make a count: "Are you one of us or of our enemies (Joshua 5:13)?"

WHAT was Zionism all about? It was a true revolution in the sense that it rejected a failed definition of the national experience and sought a new one. It pointed the way out of an historic impasse. Opposed to both the stifling anti-humanist rabbinical sway, oriented towards a largely imaginary past, and identity-renouncing assimilationism, it offered a reaffirmation of Jewish

identity linking the past to the present in an imaginative and creative way. The movement that was born from the crucible of despair and hopelessness offered a vision of hope and redemption in human terms. The dialectic of the Zionist revolution, seeking spirituality in both universal and Jewish terms, demanded a militant rejection of the discarded alternatives. Rejection of the *Ghetto* and rejection, with equal force, of the regressive religious forces denying the human character of the Jewish national experience. To offer any hope of salvation to the people, Zionism had to reject the spiritual immobilism inherent in the fundamentalist position. Easier said than done.

With the exception of Herzl, the founding fathers all came to the gates of earthly Zion after having had to achieve first their personal emancipation; a personal emancipation that inevitably included rejection of very personal beliefs, ties, connections, early memories and precious associations. One doesn't have to indulge in fanciful excursions into psychohistory to appreciate the possibility that such breaks with powerful dimensions of identity leave unresolved, if submerged, conflicts in their wake. If that was true of the leaders, how much more so of the thousands of the foot-soldiers who would follow. It is an idle, but intriguing thought to speculate what would have been the spiritual and political development of the Zionist movement had the leaders and the

early settlers come from thoroughly secularized Jewish families. Chalutzim who didn't have a *shetl* in their background, as it were.

But they all did, or at least a critical mass did. Certainly those who came from Eastern Europe, and they were the majority. The very ones who would create the institutions, the social and political templates of the new society. Incidentally, and tragically, the Eastern European pioneers knew only one "legitimate representative" (if you will pardon the expression) of the religious tradition, i.e. the extreme Orthodox, be it Hassidic or Misnagid. It is small wonder then, that it was the Orthodox establishment that would be endowed with the secular powers that the Zionists, over the years, have granted to organized religion in Israel. In the beginning, distinctions were made between the religious Zionists, the non-Zionist religious and the anti-Zionist religious. But with the historical compromise of Ben-Gurion's, granting the anti-Zionist Agudat Yisrael state resources and secular powers, the rug was effectively pulled out from under the historical Mizrahi and Poalei Ha'mizrahi. It remains for historians to ponder who destroyed the Tora V'Avoda in Derech Eretz movement. Ben-Gurion or Yosef Burg. What remains of it is its ultra-nationalist fringe that has neither *derech eretz* nor the capacity to compromise.

COMPROMISE is the glue of a

pluralistic society. But we have not been a pluralistic society for some time now. All that silly talk about democracy, that so many indulge in, misses the essential point of it. There is more to democracy than universal suffrage. It means respect and tolerance for others and their way of life. Compromise in this country has been a one-way street ever since Ben-Gurion's status quo deal. The *haredim* understand this, we don't. Additionally, what we don't understand is that there can be no compromise for those who speak from a sure possession of divine truth. And if you ask him, the Lubavitcher Rebbe will tell you that his wisdom is not of the ordinary human variety.

The point of it all is that we have reached the proverbial fine line in the sand. We have to make our stand, now, this very minute, or our freedoms and the accomplishments of the Zionist revolution will be in grave jeopardy. We need a popular movement and a leadership that is willing to say to the anti-Zionists of all stripes, those who refuse to take our money and those who keep bleeding us white, that they and we don't belong to the same people.

Zion is for the Zionists. MK Shapira can move to Williamsburg. We don't care. But we won't have him and his like indulge in anti-Zionist fulminations under the picture of Herzl in the Knesset, while our sons are providing the shield for him and his children so that they are free to bite the hand that feeds them.

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Courting the Archie Bunkers

By SHEVAH WEISS

SOME TIME ago, the privilege of

entitling Knesset members and senior civil service officials to special medical treatment not covered by the accepted Kupat Holim medical plan was abolished. This writer was one of the initiators of the proposal. As a proud member of the Kupat Holim Chalit, the Histadrut's health fund, I pay the required fees, and have never taken advantage of any fringe benefits. I am, moreover, fully convinced that public servants must preserve this cherished principle of equality.

While sympathizing with the criticism hurled at those who have taken unfair advantage of these benefits, we must be wary of the critics themselves - MKs anxious to build themselves a name at the expense of parliamentarianism.

Over the past several weeks, the issue of income and fringe benefits has been discussed by the media whose job it is to expose our public lives. Jumping on the bandwagon have been an increasing number of

MKS, eager to derive personal benefit by reinforcing the negative stereotype of the Knesset and government.

The disclosure of representatives' salaries and fringe benefits is intended for the large community of Archie Bunkers in this country. It is precisely the dissatisfied members of Israel's proletariat and middle class whose hearts these MKs are out to conquer. This play has been used by right-wing members; now socialists are joining in as well. Haven't they learned from history that sinking the parliamentary boat by crusading against the political stereotype of corruption has only contributed to the strength of the far right?

This brings me to the timing of the disclosure. These ambitious MKs evidently realized the benefit in revealing their information in these times of economic distress. Bad times are always good times for social and "socialist" demagoguery. This is the ideal time for bringing down the entire government and political system. Illustrating this are MKs who call the Israeli government a "government of evil," not knowing that they are playing directly into the hands of Kahane, or some other right-wing populist.

Among those MKs so zealously hunting out "freebie" recipients, are those who receive a generous monthly car allowance, without even owning an automobile. These MKs make their way to the capital and back as passengers of their colleagues. Evidently public morality ends where the NIS 30 car allowance begins.

IN OUR midst are MKs preaching about the size of the government, its number of ministers and deputy

ministers. Included in this group are the MKs, who, prior to the formation of the present Knesset, demanded the establishment of a narrow coalition, and appointments to prominent positions. Had their suggestion of one minister per two MKs been accepted, their "narrow coalition" would have produced a huge government, of at least 30 ministers and deputy ministers.

Among those who have accused the prime minister, defence minister, and foreign minister (among others) of excess travel are those MKs who need only look at their own party colleagues, to realize that between one-third and one-half spend their time abroad, at any given time, at public expense, naturally.

Public officials should be thoroughly checked, as should their professional performances. These checks should, however, be motivated by a genuine pursuit of justice, unaccompanied by inaccuracy and character assassination.

The writer is a Labour MK.

READERS' LETTERS

ABU NIDAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - That it is apparently the Abu Nidal group which was responsible for the Rome and Vienna massacres presents a problem for those who, for political reasons, would like to have blamed the PLO.

The facts about Abu Nidal are well known. Expelled from the PLO over a dozen years ago, he founded the so-called Fatah Revolutionary Command, which has since killed tens of PLO representatives. The two organizations even passed mutual death sentences on each other's leaders.

True, the PLO is also a terrorist group, and one might therefore conclude that there is no harm done in blurring distinctions. But one of Nidal's prime motives has been to attempt to discredit his former organization. After his group's attack on a Vienna synagogue in 1981, the terrorists first identified themselves as PLO members in an effort to embarrass that organization, (then trying to woo Kreisky's support), before they admitted to being followers of Nidal. Playing along with Nidal's game, for whatever political purpose, can only encourage him in his murderous deeds.

If Israel were to retaliate against Nidal's Libyan patrons, few in the civilized world would not be sympathetic and even grateful. But so far after Vienna 1981, Argov 1982, Jo Goldenberg's Parisian restaurant 1982, Rome synagogue Yom Kippur

1983, and now the latest outrages, all the work of Nidal, there has been no response. Those who try to shift the focus away from Nidal must bear a degree of responsibility for his future misdeeds. Besides, is there not enough real evidence with which to incriminate the PLO without accusing them of Abu Nidal's crimes?

DANIEL KOFMAN
Jerusalem.

TAINTED MILK PRODUCTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - We refer to your report of December 25, "Danger of poisoning from milk substitutes."

The decision to withdraw Farley's milk products from the market was reached by the company as a result of warnings in the U.K. of a "suspected link only with mild diarrhoeal sickness in 29 babies." Immediately upon receiving notification from the manufacturer, we took the necessary steps to recall the affected batches from the market.

We took no steps to recall stocks of Osterfeed baby milk powder, as we had halted all imports of the product over a year ago.

C.T.S. Ltd.
Tel Aviv.

Judy Siegel comments: Osterfeed has been available on the local market in recent months from old stocks.

RICH MEN'S HOMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In spite of the lovely photos of rich men's houses, I could not enjoy your "Better Homes" supplement of December 20. The thought haunted me that, apparently, no one troubled to find out how much public money goes into subsidizing Ma'ale Adumim (directly or indirectly) so as to enable those "pioneers" to decorate their white houses with antique treasures and specially designed

tiles. Nor did I particularly care for the description of a sun-kissed bathtub in what seems to me a very roomy residence for a family of four.

Maybe you will dedicate your next "Better Homes" supplement to young couples and large families, who do not have an opportunity to browse in foreign markets to furnish their flats.

E. WALTHER
Ramat Gan.

BELT TIGHTENING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - We read with interest Mark Segal's report of January 3 to the effect that the interministerial committee on the issue of the construction of the Mormon University extension in Jerusalem has hired a public relations agent.

We find it hard to understand why, in these times of government cutbacks which are having serious consequences for all, but especially

for the poor, the eight ministers serving on the committee (Ministers Burg, Navon, Peretz, Shapira, Nisim, Nechamkin, Rubinstein and Shatil) have found their own ministerial spokespersons - each earning a salary - incapable of representing the committee.

Tightening our belts?
SHANI ROSENFELD
ETHAN LOBOVITS
Jerusalem.

PERES-SPANISH LEADER

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al conference attended by all parties to the conflict, including the PLO.

The statement added that the Spanish government "will maintain its traditional policy of friendship and solidarity towards the Arab world, closely linked to Spain by shared bonds of history and culture." It also reiterated Spain's non-recognition of any measures directed towards the annexation of Arab territories occupied since 1967, and said that "the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people, and specifically the right to self-determination, must be recognized and guaranteed."

"Simultaneously, the right to peaceful existence for all states in the region, within secure and internationally recognized boundaries, must be guaranteed."

Israel, for its part, reiterated its own positions as stated in the basic lines of action by the national unity government and by Prime Minister Shimon Peres in his speech to the UN General Assembly last October 14.

Spain is extremely anxious to ensure that the establishment of ties with Israel not harm its excellent relations with Arab states, sources at the Prime Minister's Office said, adding that Israel had no interest in seeing those relations weakened. Such ties may be helpful in advancing the peace process, the sources believe.

The Friday ceremony was the cul-

mination of 14 months of intense effort by the Peres government to end years of Spanish vacillation.

Taking office in December 1982, Gonzalez announced that diplomatic relations would be established during his four-year term. But he kept delaying the date, saying his government was waiting for the appropriate time.

In December 1984, Peres appointed MK Micha Harish as liaison, and sent him shuttling back and forth to Madrid in a bid to have the repeated promises fulfilled.

Harish's efforts were successful, sources said, because of Gonzalez's and Peres's friendship in Socialist International - and their desire that ties be established during Peres's term as premier - because of Spain's entry into the EEC, and because internal conditions in Spain were favourable.

According to the sources, a date for the establishment of relations had been set for October; but the Israeli bombing of the PLO's Tunis headquarters necessitated a postponement.

The Hague was chosen as the venue for the signing ceremonies because the Netherlands holds the rotating six-month presidency of the EEC.

Well-placed sources in The Hague have suggested, furthermore, that the Dutch government had played an important role in finalizing the agreement.

Today's meeting between Gonzalez and Peres is to be held at

Catshuis, the official residence of Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers, where Peres will stay throughout his visit.

The Dutch police have been put on full alert for the Peres visit, following reports through international channels that a terrorist group, possibly under Abu Nidal's direction, planned to strike at Jewish, Israeli or American targets in the Netherlands.

The U.S. on Friday welcomed the establishment of relations.

"We have long said we favour full diplomatic recognition of Israel by all members of the international community," State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb told reporters.

But the United Arab Emirates yesterday expressed its "regret and concern." Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed, in the first reaction by a Gulf official, told the official Emirates News Agency that his country regretted the timing of Spain's announcement.

"When Israel is persisting with its aggression on Arab and Palestinian people in the occupied territories, with its incessant transgressions in Jerusalem, and continued occupation of parts of Lebanon,"

Arabic newspapers published in East Jerusalem yesterday also condemned Spain for its decision.

"This Spanish step harms historic Spanish-Arab relations which have been strong and durable for a long time," said an *Al Fajr* editorial.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. WALLET-SIZED body warmers popular in Japan are raising false alarms in airports by setting off metal detectors designed to foil would-be hijackers.

The disposable "Kairo," which contain iron filings and release heat for about 24 hours after being rubbed against a starter, are especially popular in northern Japan where they are carried in pockets to help

keep warm in freezing winter weather.

But airport metal detectors cannot distinguish the heaters from more dangerous devices - meaning a headache for security officials with some 300 million of the gadgets expected to be sold this winter.

Metal detectors were reportedly set off at least 20 times at the northwestern airport of Akita during the first five days that the warmers went on sale.

Lessons in the Norwegian Language

The Royal Norwegian Consulate General in Tel Aviv, in cooperation with

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Israel and the Israel-Norway Friendship Association

is starting to give lessons in the Norwegian language.

The lessons will take place in Tel Aviv once a week, starting in February.

The lessons are aimed at persons who have no knowledge of Norwegian but who have a good command of the English language.

Number of pupils is limited.

Applications should be made in writing to

The Royal Norwegian Embassy, 10 Rehov Heib Be'Yar, Tel Aviv

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Courses for Masseurs/Masseuses

Opening on February 2, 1986, under the direction of G. Goldman.

Professional lectures by the doctor of the Masseurs/Masseuses School.

Tel Aviv, 10 Reh. Lasalle, Tel. 03-246405.

Registration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

